Arafat took 'big risk' - Shaath

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - The West Bank and Israel should realise that Yasser Arafat took a "big risk" in supporting the Gaza-Jericho first option for peace, Mr. Arafat's political advisor Nabil Shaath has told an Israeli politician. "It is important that the West and Israel realise that (Arafat took a big risk) for Mr. Arafat's gamble to succeed," Dr. Shaath told Dedi Zucker, a member of parliament belonging to the left-wing Meretz party, according to Mr. Zucker. Dr. Shaath also said that Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had reached an "important agreement" in his behind-the-scenes meeting earlier this month with a top Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official in Scandinavia, and claimed that the political crisis in the PLO was "resolved," Mr. Zucker told AFP. Dr. Shaath contacted Mr. Zucker by telephone from Tunis. The two met in Cairo last month.

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BEIRUT — Arah parties to the

their ranks over a Palestinian

Lebanese Foreign Minister

Fares Bouez said at a news con-

ference that the Arab parties

had agreed to participate in the

11th round" of peace talks open-

ing in Washington on Tuesday.

He was speaking at the end of a coordination meeting which gronped together the foreign ministers of Lebanon, Syria, Jor-

dan, the three countries negotiat-

iog peace with Israel, and the head of the Palestine Liberation

Organisation's political depart-ment as well as the foreign minis-

Mr. Bouez, in response to re-

porters' questions, said what was 'expected from the 11th round is

very clear progress regarding

comprehensive peace based ou Israel's withdrawal from all occu-

pied territories in line with the

According to sources close to

principle of land-for-peace."

proposal for limited self-rule.

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Amal attacks SLA position

MARJAYOUN (AFP) - Guerrillas early Saturday attacked a position of Israel's proxy militia in South Lehanon with automatic weapons hut caused no casualties, South Lebanon Army (SLA) sources said. The pro-Syrian Amal militia claimed the attack on the SLA position in Saidoon near Jezzine in Israel's selfdeclared "security zone" of South Lehanon. SLA guns riposted by firing about 15 shells at the Iolim Al Tuffah heights northwest of the southern port of Sidon, hut also caused no casualties, Lebanese police said.

Iran opens ice plant, park on Abu Musa

NICOSIA (AP) - Iran on Saturday opened an ice-producing plant and a public park on Abu Musa, a disputed Gulf island claimed by both Iran and the United Arah Emirates (UAE). The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said that the two projects were huilt at a cost of rials 450 million (\$273,000). Iran laid sole claim to Abu Musa last September, alarming the UAE, which had shared control over the island with Tehran since 1971. The issue has tarnished Iran's relations with the UAE and other Gulf countries. The strategic island is located at the only entrance to the oil-rich

Bosnian Croats ready to agree to carve-up

GRUDE, Bosnia-Herzegovina, (AFP) - The self-styled Bosnian Croat parliament Saturday said it was "ready to accept" the Geneva plan to carve up Bosnia-Herzegovina, hut only if the Serbs and Muslim-led government did so too. A resolution passed by the assembly (see page 10), meeting in special session here to discuss the Geneva plan, however, called for a number of "corrections" to be made to the maps dividing the country into loosely linked Croat, Serh and Muslim mini-states. "By accepting the Geneva project, the Croatian people of Bosnia-Herzegovina have made a heavy sacrifice," the resolution added.

Iran says it is not aiding PKK

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran's interior minister, Ali Mohammad Besharati, on Saturday denied his country was helping Kurdish dissi-dents along the Turkish border, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported. Mr. Besharati told Turkey's visiting assistant deputy interior minister, Riza Akdemir, that "Iran is not backing Turkey's opponents," according to IRNA. It quoted Mr. Besharati as saying that Iran sought "borders of friendship" with Turkey, its northern neighhour. The dissident Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) has heen fighting for autonomy for Turkey's 12 million Kurds since 1984. The conflict has claimed more than 7,000 lives.

Pakistan extradites drug barons to U.S.

ISLAMABAD (AP) - Pakistan has ordered 17 of the country's most powerful drug barons to he extradited to the United States to stand trial, authorities said. The list includes Ayuh Afridi, a former parliament member considered to he Pakistan's higgest drug kingpin, according to a report commissioned by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). All 17 suspects are under indictment in the United States, said a Western diplomat in Islamabad. Government officials said 11 are in prison here and the other six are in hiding, including Mr. Afridi.

U.S. treatment of sheikh upsets Cairo

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt is unhappy with the United States for allowing Egyptian cleric Omar Abdul Rahman to enter the country, where he is becoming a hero, President Hosni Mubarak's spokesman said here Saturday. Mohammad Ahdul Moneim told AFP that "the personality of Sheikh Ahdul Rahman is not at all like its portrayal in the U.S. media, who have made him a hero and a big star even though he is not that important in

Peres holds secret talks with Christopher

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TEL AVIV - Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met secretly with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in California, radio reports said Saturday. The talks came as Israel and the Palestinians seemed near an agreement over an interim peace plan for the occupied territories. Mr. Peres was reporting to Mr. Christopher about talks with top Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official in Scandinavia over the plan to grant limited autonomy to the Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip and the

West Bank town of Jericho, army Israeli radio reported late in Santa Barhara, had taken

Saturday that Mr. Peres was on his way hack to Israel Saturday. Mr. Peres left for the United States on Friday amid reports of an imminent historic breakthrough in peace negotiations' with the Palestinians.

Israel radio said Mr. Peres held several hours of talks with his U.S. counterpart on the "Gaza-Jericho first" option.

Mr. Peres, who was accompa-nied by Israel's ambassador to the United States, Itamar Rahinovich, and an advisor, was due hack in Israel on Sunday, the radio said.

Neither government would confirm or deny the meeting, in Mr. Christopher's summer home

State Department confirms meeting

THE STATE Department said on Saturday that Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met secretly Friday and that progress was possible in renewed Middle East peace talks.

Department spokesman Michael McCurry said the two met at Point Magu naval air station in Oxnard, California, Mr. McCurry said in a statement that Mr. Christopher and Mr. Peres and others met for four hours and "their discussion reviewed ideas that will be developed next week when the Middle East peace

negotiations resume in Washington. He said he could give no details of the conversation "other than to say it makes clear that the parties in the region are focusing on the choices and planning that could make real progress in these negotiations possible."

place, but Mr. Peres did not turn up for an electoral meeting at which he was due to speak Saturday, sources close the ruling Labour Party said.

Israeli Police Minister Moshe Shahal told the radio earlier that Israel and its Arah negotiating partners were "on the eve of a diplomatic breakthrough."

The Gaza-Jericho option would provide for an Israeli pullout from the occupied Gaza Strip and Jericho, and Palestinian autonomy in those areas, as a step towards fuller Palestinian

The Peres-Christopher meeting came three days before Mideast peace talks were to resume in Washington for an 11th round. Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rahin's spokesman Gad Ben-Ari would neither deny nor confirm the meeting.

Mr. Shahal confirmed it in-

directly, telling the radio, "I wish him a good trip and fruitful discussion." He said: "The preparations heing made today are to ensure this will be a fruitful round," of peace talks. "We are witnessing a phe-

nomenon of far-reaching political change," Mr. Shahal added, and noted that Israel faced "not very easy decisions."

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King Hussein, Assad review Arab issues

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein Saturday contacted Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and exchanged views with him on current Arah issues, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

It did not give details. The Petra report came as Syrian, Jordanian and Lebanese foregn ministers and the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) political affairs chief wound up a meeting in Beirut. Lehanon, on coordination ahead of the 11th round of Arab-Israeli peace talks (see

Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians announced after the meeting that they agreed to attend the talks, due to open in Washington Tues-

Jordan's Talai Al Hassan

and Syria's Farouk Al Sharaa implicitly criticised the PLO at the Beirut meeting for not consulting them in advance over its acceptance of a limited Israeli withdrawal as part of a five-year interim Palestinian self-rule arrangement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza

controversial "Gaza and Jericho first" option for limited Palestinian autonomy, which has di-vided the PLO and caused consternation among the Arabs.

ter of Egypt.

Syrian Foreign Minister Faronk Al Sharaa and his Jordanian counterpart Talal Al Hassan said they regretted the fact that the Palestinians "had not sufficiently informed them" about their acceptance of the option, underlining that this was not a criticism

Mr. Sharaa said that "the explanations given by Mr. Kadere not summent PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said last week he would support

Arabs agree to go to 11th round of talks the option, which allows for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Gaza Strip and the city of

Jericho on the West Bank, fol-lowed by Palestinian autonomy Middle East peace talks announced Saturday they would there as a first step (See page 10). attend the next round of negotia-The option is reportedly being tions amid some disnnity within

studied in secret by top PLO and Israeli officials. Mr. Arafat's statement prompted a storm of criticism from within the PLO and from Jordan, which said it had not heen consulted about it. It received the

ter Shimoo Peres Thursday. "Give me a better solotion and we'll accept it," Saeb Erakat, one of the top Palestinian negotiators m the peace talks, retorted to the Arabs, according to a source who

support of Israeli Foreign Minis-

attended the Beirut meeting. Mr. Hassan said the option had repercussious on Jordan's national security and that is why we should have been consulted."

Mr. Sharaa called for total Arah coordination as the next two sessions of talks would mark a "turning point" in the peace

The final resolution adopted by the participants called on the United States, co-sponsor with Russia of the peace process, to act impartially.

the delegations in the meeting, the PLO's political chief, Farouk Kaddoumi, together with Egyp-tian Foreign Minister Amr Musa, "The Arah parties, however, call on the United States... to fulfill its role of full partner and explained to the participants the to develop it in an effective and impartial way that guarantees geooine compliance with the principles of the peace process. notably the exchange of land for peace," the resolution said.

The Arab parties at the peace talks also affirmed the need for solidarity and coordination between them... in defence of Azab.

rights," it added,
The document called for an Israeli retreat from all Israel occupied Arab and Palestinian land, including East Jerusalem. as stipulated by U.N. Security Council resolution 242, 338 and

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PLO is still in crisis, but pressure eases

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TUNIS - Yasser Arafat appeared Saturday to have calmed internal criticism of his leadership of the Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) in time for the next round of Arab-Israeli peace talks.

"As usual, Arafat emerges stronger. All what (opponents) said outside, we didn't hear about it inside the meeting, and Arafat has more powers in the conduct of the peace process," said Yasser Abed Rahbo, head of the PLO Information Department.

But participants at a two-day emergency meeting of the PLO's . Executive Committee which ended early on Saturday said a crisis within the PLO organisation over the direction of the negotiations and a PLO cash crunch was unre-

Hardliner Taysir Khaled, up-braided by Mr. Arafat at the start of the meeting on Friday night for his call for the resignation of those directing the peace talks, said tensions with the PLO chairman had eased.

"He showed some receptiveness to the attitudes of the opposition, but regarding the core of the problem, he still follows the same policy, mainly in the peace process," Mr. Khaled told Reuters. "Arafat has calmed down cri-

tics of his leadership and once

the Execurive Committee support his line," a senior PLO official, opposed to Mr. Arafat, told Reu-

But the crisis remains unresolved because the disagreements over the peace process and the effects of the financial crisis are

Mahmoud Darwish, a noted poet in the Arah World, attended work, the sources said.

Lebanon, Shafiq, Al Hout, who announced his withdrawal from the committee last Sunday, was formed Palestinian sources.

stood. Five members of the Palesni-

nian delegation to the peace talks, iocluding team leader Faisal Husseini and spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, who were scheduled to attend the second session were not present.

straints. The five met Mr. Arafat on

larged Executive Committee ses-

the meeting and stuck resignation last week from the 18-man executive committee, saying he wanted to devote himself to his cultural The PLO's representative in

likely to travel to Tunis for talks with Mr. Arafat, according to in-But Mr. Darwish said his resignation from the committee

The delegation was cut in half this week due to financial con-

Friday afternoon, but were expected to participate in an en-



Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat (left) Saturday shakes hands with Mahmoud Darwish, who said at a Tunis

sion late Saturday, Palestinian officials said. the Tunis gathering as "the last chance" to prevent the collapse

A sixth negotiator, Haidar Abdul Shafi, who heads the de-

memher, Ahdullah Hourani, could pull out during the meeting. Mr. Hourani had described

legation at the hilateral Arab-Israeli talks, was expected Satur-

day in Tunis. Palestinian sources have warned that another committee

meeting that his resignation from the PLO Executive Committee was final (AFP photo)

of the PLO. Palestinian sources had said several PLO leaders had reservations about Mr. Arafat's approval for a self-rule proposal uoder which Israeli troops would first withdraw from the occupied Gaza Strip and the town of Jericho in the West Bank.

Mr. Arafat's critics fear the

trial and accused the government

of faking it in order to silence

"At the same time last year,

there were attempts to liquidate

and assassinate my life and my

reputation through the so-called 'Al Nafeer' case," Mr. Shbeilat

said in his statement. "The case

"Gaza-Jericho first"option could become a final settlement and Israel would never leave the rest

of the occupied territories. The crisis will continue if the leadership contiooes its policy io the oegotiations," Mr. Khaled said. "For our part, we have made clear our opposition to the Gaza-Jericho agreemeot."

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Iraqis delay departure for talks with U.N. officials

headquarters in New York because the U.S. government would not provide protection, Iraq's official news agency said.

The technical team was sche-

duled to meet U.N. officials Tuesday to discuss long-term monitoring of Iragi weapons sites and to review Baghdad's complaints that it is being bullied. The delegation is led by General Amir Rashid, head of Iraq's

military industrialisation authority. Geo. Rashid and at least three members of his team came to Amman Saturday to fly to New International flights in and out of Iraq are banned under sanc-

tions imposed after Iraqi troups invaded Kuwait three years ago.
The Iraqis were not aboard the Royal Jordanian (RJ) airline flight they had booked when it left Amman for Amsterdam at 3 p.m. (1200 GMT) Saturday, airport and Iraqi sonrces said. speaking on condition of anony-

The Iraqi News Agency quoted a Foreign Ministry source in Baghdad as saying: "Our delegation cannot leave for New York because American authorities abandoned their responsibilities to provide protection for delegation members."

It was oot immediately clear what sort of protection the Iraqis were seeking. Gen. Rashid, reached by the

AP over the phone in Amman, refused to explain the reason for the delay: "There was an announcement in Baghdad in that much to add to it," he told the Associated Press. Asked if the team would return

to Baghdad, he said: "I don't people," he said.

AMMAN (Agencies) — An Iraqi delegation Saturday delayed its departure for talks at the U.N. ment spokeswoman Nancy Beck ment spokeswoman Nancy Beck said she had no information on the issue of security for the Iraqis, adding: "I have a feeling this is a

U.N. issue." The general told Reuters: "We have delayed oor departure because the Americans have not provided us with the security and protection that was previously agreed on." 'We have not cancelled our

trip, we will wait here to see what will happen," Gen. Rashid He gave no further details and refused to comment on the talks." "We will talk when we return from New York."

The arms control and monitoring talks between Iraq and the United Nations are part of an agreement struck last month during a visit to Baghdad by Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. commis-

sion scrapping Iraq's weapons. Iraq, hoping to erase U.N. trade sanctions, said in a letter released on Friday the United States was keeping hlackboard chalk out of the hands of Iraqi schoulchildren.

The letter to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali was released by Iraq's emhassy in Am-

In the letter, Foreign Minister Mohammad Saced Al Sahaf wrote that U.S. British and French delegates on the U.N. trade sanctions committee were stopping basic school supplies

from entering Iraq.
"These decisions show that the representatives of the U.S., Britain and France are still imposing regard today and I don't have on the committee in a premeditated manner decisions aimed at tightening the impact of the unjust siege imposed on the Iraqi

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Shbeilat quits politics after criticising government, parties Mr. Shbeilat condemned the

By Wafa Amr
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Leading independent Islamist politician and former deputy Laith Shheilat announced Saturday he was quitting political life to protest what he described as government's undemocratic practices and political parties' lack of credibility.

In a move reflecting his admission to failure in achieving political and economic reforms and his disappointment with official and popular political attitudes, Mr. Shbeilat said he decided to withdraw from the political scene and return to practising his engineering profession.

'I announce today that I have sufficed with 11 years of political activity ... and I request your permission to withdraw to practise my profession after long break," he said in a brief statement.

Mr. Shbeilat said from now on he would only participate in social and cultural events only. Despite previous threats to resign from political life, his move surprised many politicians who criticised him for ahandoning the political battle at a crucial time of

the country's history.

But the controversial Shbeilat. who refused to speak to reporters following his decision. felt he

was let down by his constituency and by political groups who re-mained silent and unmoved to counter what he saw as serious violations of democracy on the

part of the government. Mr. Shbeilat's friends said he felt he was fighting a fierce battle against "undemocratic forces" alone. "He had lost laith in political groups and individuals who joined him in his opposition of government's undemocratic practices ... they retreated when their own principles were put to the test," one of Mr. Shbeilat's close associates said.

"Political groups incite Shbeilat to lead the opposition. hut in the end he emerges a lonely voice," he said. "He felt he was working alone without response from either the people or the political groups".

Mr. Shbeilat enjoys popularity and wide-spread respect, specially among middle-class professionals. He has always been a vocal advocate of human rights and democratisation, and an outspoken critic of the government's economic and political policies. Long before liberalisation was

introduced in Jordan in 1989, Mr.

Shbeilat was among the very few

who publicly challenged the gov-

ernment's policies and insisted on

fighting corruption of former gov-

ernment officials.

Laith Shbeilat

Last year he was sentenced to 20 years in jail on charges that he

belonged to an illegal Islamic political group called "Shabah A! Nafeer," which aims at toppling the regime, and for the acquisition of illegal automatic weapons and explosives. Days afterd the trial, His Majesty King Hussein issued a

general pardon which iocluded

Laith Shbeilat, a move political

observers considered as an

attempt to defuse growing inter-

nal tensions in protest against Mr.

Shbeilat's trial.

revealed to me and to others the degree of official 'democratic' intentions in the country and it simultaneously confirmed to me and to my family the 'credibility' of political groups from the right and the left spectrum in defending human rights." He implicitly criticised political groups for lacking political agendas and for not succeeding in

representing people's aspirations. He said if they did not carry out their responsibilities, they would join the government in taking the blame for working against the interests of the country. He criticised the government's decision to change the voting

rules without parliament's approval, and had decided, before quitting yesterday, to take government to court for what he considered the unconstitutional and undemocratic move of dissolving Parliament and issuing a provisional election law in the

absence of Parliament. "With pain and hitterness I say that the new provisional law adds important negativity to other negative elements..." he said in his statement." Some political observers criticised Mr. Shbeilat's shortness of breath in fighting the battle for

democracy.

The battle for democracy is a real battle, and democracy is a very long and painful process. Thus patience is needed," said a noted political observer who preferred anonymity. "The democratic game re-

quires playing it to the end, and

resigning is one way of admitting defeat," he said. Many political observers viewed the Muslim Brotherhood's decision to participate in the Nov. 8 elections despite previons threats to boycott as a political tactic which offered them credibility with the regime

and their constituencies. Leading Brotherhood figure Abdul Rahim Akour said Mr. Shbeilat should have been more patient before taking his decision. "We are in an unfortunate situation now, but we feel the worst has still not come and the efforts of an important, political

player like Shbeilat is needed in

the near future," Mr. Akour said.

Leader of the Jordanian Peo-(Continued on page 3)

Sales in the Clothing Dept. at Safeway

By Reid G. Miller The Associated Press

MOGADISHU - With the arrival in Mogadishu this week of 400 elite U.S. army Rangers. Washington has sharply upped the ante on fugitive warlord Mohammad Farrah

In gambling that he could weaken the resolve of the United Nations to stay the course in Somalia and reduce the power he grahbed for himself through civil war. Gen. Aideed has won a few small pots.

He has created sharp national differences over how hest to deal with him - softly, as Italy and some others would have it. or firmly, as favoured by the United Nations and Washing-

He has slowed, hut not halted, the relief and rehabilitation work the United Nations came to this shattered country to do. And he has set some private charities to grumhling that the focus of the humanitarian effort has been lost as the United Nations hateles his terrorist acts.

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He has eluded capture for more than two months and he has put the United Nations into a largely defensive posture. desoite the fact that it has more than 24,000 troops from 28 nations in Somalia — 15,000

of them in Mogadishu. But the price of Gen. Aideed's poker game has just

The Rangers give the United Nations some aces it has lacked a highly skilled force schooled in night and urban warfare and equipped with some of the most sophisticated arms in the American arsenal. Reports in Mogadishu were

rejuctantly allowed to be on hand for the arrival Thursday of the first 65 Rangers, but then the U.N. military command barred them from the

The decision was taken not to shield the Rangers from way, but to hide the weapons they brought with them on subsequent flights by Giant C-5 Galaxy transport planes from the United States,

The Rangers are known to ir i with helicopters equipped



. Blackbawk helicopter at Mogadishu airport Saturday. The first group of Rangers arrived Thursday amid protest demonstrations by Somalis

and speculation that the real mission of the crack troops was to capture warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed (AFP photo)

to see and hear an enemy at night, with pilotless, virtually silent drone aircraft that can do much the same thing, with laser-guided missiles and a bost of other ultramodern, lethal

Because reporters were not allowed to see the weapons the Rangers brought with them, their specific mission remains a question mark.

This is not an effort to go after one man," Kathleen Delaski, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said when the Ranger's deployment was announced. "It's an effort to improve the overall situation in

Without specifying the particular task of the Rangers. Defence Secretary Les Aspin said in Washington Friday that the U.S. forces' mission is to make south Mogadishu, where Gen. Aideed has his stronghold, "secure," begin seizing heavy weapons from Somali warlords and establish police forces in the cities and perhaps other areas.

Could the Rangers snatch Gen. Aideed alive from his

stronghold with the stealth, skill and equipment needed to do the joh with minimum 'casualties to Somalis and to themselves?

"Yes, they are capable of successfully performing the most difficult missions," said Major David Stockwell, chief spokesman for the U.N. military command in Somalia and himself a Ranger.
On the other hand, U.N.

personnel are attacked virtually every night by small hands of Somali militiamen who lob mortar shells or grenades at their positions or engage them in small arms fire, usually with minimal casualties on either

well suited to answering that kind of harrassment by patrolling in darkness far beyond the perimeters of the United Nations' fortress-like compounds. The United Nations ordered Gen. Aideed's arrest and pnt up a \$25,000 reward for bim

The Rangers are particularly

after a series of ambusbes on June 5 that killed 24 Pakistani peacekeepers. He has since been blamed for dozens of other attacks, including one on Aug. 8 in which an American military vehicle was torn apart by a remote-control mine, killing four soldiers.

It was that attack that prompted President Bill Clinton to order in the Rangers.

Ship searched

French and American inspectors are searching a Sudanese ship, the Ysur, at Djibouti on suspicion it's carrying weapons to Gen. Aideed, U.S. officials said.

The ship has been in Djibouti since Tuesday. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the search was not complete and the results, therefore, unknown at this point.

U.S. authorities requested the search at Djibouti, where France bas a military installation, and American inspectors are participating with France in the search of the Ysur, the officials told the Associated

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indonesia denies selling weapons to Iran

JAKARTA (R) — An Indonesian minister said on Saturday that helicopters which his country planned to sell to Iran would not be for military use. "I have read a news report that we intend to sell arms to Iran. That is not true," Research and Technology Minister Jusuf Habibie told reporters. The Far Eastern Economic Review weekly said in its latest edition that Indonesia was seeking to pay off its deht to Iran hy selling seven Super Puma helicopters, worth \$100 million. It said the machines, built by Industri Pesawat Terbang Nusantara under licence from France, could be fitted for military use. The magazine said the United States was concerned by reports that Indonesia had agreed to sell arms to Iran. "We have signed an agreement to sell our Puma helicopter to Iran and it will be used for their oil industry operation and not for the military, Mr. Habibie said. "There is a difference between Puma for military and Puma for transport. Puma for military needs special specification," Mr. Habibie said, adding that France has agreed to the deal, Mr. Habihie said the helicopters had not been delivered to Iran because "there is a problem of letter of credit." He did not elaborate. Iran and Indonesia, hoth Muslim-dominated countries and oil exporters, agreed last year to boost hilateral non-oil trade from \$200 million a year to \$1 hillion. Mr. Habibie is the head of Indonesian Strategic Industries, including aircraft, shipping, and

Egypt minister appears in television

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's interior minister Hassan Al Alfi appeared Friday night in his first lengthy television interview since Muslim militants wounded him in an assassination attempt last week. The 57-year-old minister, interviewed for 40 minutes by a satellite Arabic channel, the Middle East Broadcasting Centre, at a medical clinic in Switzerland, appeared to have recovered from the bomb attack which injured his right elbow. The Aug. 19 attack killed five people and wounded another 15 when militants set off bombs as his motorcade passed on its way to the ministry. "This incident has increased my determination for the truth and to work for the safety of my country. I shall continue stronger than before," said General Alfi, sitting in an armchair. He repeated government allegations that militants waging a bombing from abroad and said the issue was being investigated. "There is no doubt that there is cooperation from abroad from some people. There is finance, there is planning, there are individuals, this is certain information," he said. Egyptian security sources said before Gen. Alfi travelled to Switzerland that he might have a plastic joint fitted to his elbow and movement of his arm could be permanently impaired. The minister did not mention what medical treatment he had received, saying only he would return to Egypt in a few days.

Canada pays cash not camels for dead Somall

OTTAWA (R) - The family of a man who died in the custody of Canadian peacekeepers in Somalia demanded 100 camels as compensation, but settled for \$15,000 in cash, the Defence Ministry said on Friday. According to local custom, the family asked the Canadian government for 100 camels in compensation for the death of Shidane Abukar Arone inside the Canadian compound in Belet Huen, 200 kilometres north of Mogadishu. Among Somalia's semi-nomadic peoples, camels are a portable form of wealth and considered a means of currency. Canadian military officers negotiated with the family and clan leaders. "The family was happy this was a reasonable settlement and equivalent to 100 camels," a Defence Ministry spokesman said. Arone was allegedly tortured to death on March 16 after he was caught prowling inside the compound of Canadian troops serving on a United Nations peacekeeping mission. Four members of Canada's crack airborne regiment are facing court martial on charges of second degree murder and torture.

Nigerian Airways takes 420 pilgrims to Israel .

ABUJA (AFP) - Nigerian Airways has made its first direct flight to Israel, and carried 210 Christian pilgrims to visit holy cities in the occupied territories, Israeli Ambassador Moshe Gilboa said Friday. Among the pilgrims who left on the Tel Aviv bound flight Thursday was writer Abiola Elegbede, a relative of Moshood Abiola, purported winner of the annulled June election. Another 210 Christians leave to Tel Aviv Friday, Mr. Gilboa said, adding that since his arrival in Lagos 10 months ago, the number of Nigerian Christians visiting Israel and the occupied territories has doubled. Nigeria opened its first embassy in Israel last April and resumed diplomatic relations the following month. Nigeria, like most other African countries, severed relations with Israel as a result of the Arab-Israeli war in 1973.

Three killed in a Cairo jall brawl

CAIRO (AFP) — Three inmates, including a Muslim extremist and a Coptic Christian, were killed and 85 others injured early Saturday in a brawl at Cairo's Abu Zaabal prison, police said. They said an argument broke ont when fundamentalist prisoners wanted to persuade other inmates to join extremist organisations. Inmates from both parties lunged at each other with wooden boards used in a building under construction, leading to the death of the three, including Coptic Christian Yusri Gindi Abdul Messih. Prison guards later regained control of the situation and the injured prisoners were taken to the facility's hospital, they said. Police meanwhile said a fouth person, fundamentalist Abdul Sattar Abdul Ilah, also incarcerated at Abu Zaabal, had died of electrocution while cooking over a hot plate.

Algerian wanted for 17 murders killed

ALGIERS (R) - An Algerian Muslim fundamentalist wanted for 17 murders was shot dead by security forces, the official APs news agency said Friday. Mohammad Bouchelaghem, known as "the killer" and on the run since 1990 after escaping from Blida prison, was killed with two other men in Blida province, 50 kilometres south of Algiers. Security sources said the men were killed earlier this week and an automatic pistol taken during a triple murder recovered, along with sub-machineguns stolen from security forces. The automatic belonged to Redouane Zermani, 25, a policeman who was gunned down with his mother and brother in their home in the south Algeirs suburb of Baraki early this month. Zermani's father and two other family members were wounded in the night

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attack carried out by three men. APS said armed men killed a 48-year-old farmer in front of his wife and children this week in the eastern port town of Jijel. A "group of five terrorists armed with shotguns" killed another man, the father of six children, in Bouira, 90 kilometres southeast of Algiers, APS said. Officials use the term "terrorist" to describe armed militants blamed for violence in which more than 1,000 people have been killed in the past 19

Turkish forces kill 14 Kurdish rebels

ANKARA (AFP) - Turkish government forces killed 14 Kurdish ANKARA (AFP) — Turkish government forces killed 14 Kurdish rebels Thursday and Friday in east and southeast Anatolia, while one civilian was killed by the rebels, security officials said. Six rebels died near Cukurca and two others at Yuksekova in Hakkari province, said a statement from Diyarbakir, the headquarters of the government's campaign against the Kurdish separatist rebellion: Three other guerrillas who refused to surrender to security forces were killed near the eastern form of Ringol, while two more forces were killed near the eastern town of Bingol, while two more were killed near Siirt, southeastern Turkey, the statement added. Meanwhile rebels of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) killed one villager and abducted another in Armutin in the eastern Erzincan region, the statement said, adding that the rebels had also torched the village. The latest casualties brought to 49 the number of deaths: in the past four days in clashes between government forces and

Aladin trades in his lamp for a PC

CAIRO (AFP) - Aladin, a new children's magazine published in Egypt, features the legendary hero of a thousand and one nights—who instead of a magic lamp works his wizardry with a personal computer, its editor told AFP Friday. Since it first appeared on newsstands six weeks ago, the magazine has enjoyed widespread success and its 100,000 issues sell briskly every Thursday, he said. "Science is magic," according to Aladin's chief editor, Ezzat Al Saadani. Rather than draw his inspiration from a thousand and one nights, the magazine's hero is a whiz kid fully adapted to modern times. The magazine, a creation of the prestigious Al Ahram publishing house, hopes to dominate the children's publications market in Egypt and to penetrate the wealthy Gulf Arab states.

Turkey to receive 2,000 more Bosnians

ANKARA (AP) — A new group of 2,000 Bosnian Muslim refugees will arrive in Turkey next month from Croatia, a government official said Friday. State Minister Gunes Muftuoglu, who oversees the refugee problem, said Turkish planes will start ferrying the refugees Sept. 2. Their transfer is expected to take about three weeks. Turkey, which has close cultural and historical ties with Bosnian Muslims, has already received some 20,000 of J them as refugees since the start of the war in Bosnia. Turkey also became one of 17 countries to offer medical treatment for 1,250 sick and wounded Bosnians. Hospitals in Istanbul received 79 such patients earlier this month.

Attempted hijack folled in Yemen

SANAA (AP) — Security officials overpowered an armed man Friday to prevent a hijacking aboard a Yemen Airlines domestic flight, police sources said. The Boeing 737 plane was travelling from Al Ghaydah to Rayan in the southern part of the country when the would-be hijacker brandished a pistol and a grenade and demanded to go to either Kuwait or nearby Oman, the sources said. But the security men, who routinely travel aboard Yemen airlines flights to prevent hijackings, overpowered the man, according to the sources. The suspect was identified as Mayhoub Ahmad Farei, according to the security officials, who said his motors were not clear and a

Bomb wrecks Lebanes usinessman's car

LARNACA (AP) - A bomb destroyed the car of a Lebanese businessman in this coastal town at sunrise Saturday, police said. police. The motive for the attack was believed to be rooted in a business matter, the statement said without elaboration. The car [1] belonged to Nabil Zaimi, head of a Cyprus-based company dealing mainly with tobacco sales, and was parked outside bis bome when the bomb went off, the police statement said. Shortly after the blass police searched Mr. Zaimi's yacht at the Larnaca marina and hisoffice for bombs, but found nothing.

Chief editor of Salam arrested in Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) - The chief editor of a radical Iranian newspaper, Salam, has been arrested, the daily said in its Saturday edition but gave no reason for his arrest. Abbas Abdi, who was accompanied by his wife and children, was seized Thursday on the streets of Tehran on orders from the Islamic revolutionary courts, said the paper which has been a leading critic of the Iranian government. Mr. Abdi's wife told the paper she had been assured of her husband's "imminent release" if he cooperated with officials and answered their questions "sincerely."

Iranian dissident killed in Ankara

ANKARA (AP) - Gunmen fatally shot an Iranian dissident Saturday, the latest victim of a series of attacks on opponents of Iran's fundamentalist government, the Anatolia news agency said. The victim, identified as Bebran Azadfer, 35, was killed by two men after he answered the door. A third person stood as a watchman in the garden of the house where Mr. Azadfer lived in an Ankara slum, the dispatch said. Mr. Azadfer's roommates told police he was a dissident who left Iran a year ago. They said the gunmen spoke Farsi. Anatolia said police searched hotels and other places frequented by Iranians. Iranian agents and antigovernment groups have had encounters off and on its neighbouring Turkey since the overthrow of the Shah. Three Iranian dissidents were kileld over the past year, and others have been murdered in western European countries. Turkish police also have arrested members of the Muslim extremist group Islamic Action, whose members are believed to receive training in Iran, for killing one of the dissidents.

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Arafat under fire in occupied lands

Agence France Presse

OTCUPIED JERUSALEM - A torn poster of Yasser Arafat hangs forforn in the entrance to Magassed Hospital atop the Viount of Olives in East Jerusalem.

No one has bothered to replace the faded image of a man who not long was an undisputed symbol of the Palestinian struggle, defended with fierce pride throughout the occupied territories. Today, open season has been declared on Arafai.

Even local cadres of Fateh, Mr. Arafat's mainstream Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) group, have joined a growing clamour for change.

Nidal Al Jirmi, a 24-year-old from Balata refugee camp in Nablus, languished more than four years in Israeli jails for Fateh "The political system in the territories and abroad which has

Yasser Arafat at the top does not function efficiently and urgently needs changing," he said.

Nr. Jirmi called for an "independent" leadership to be elected, sweeping aside the traditional groupings such as Fateh. Other

Fatch cadres in Balata supported his view hut prefer not to be named. The PLO plunged into an unprecedented financial crisis since Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states cut multi-million dollar cash

injections over PLO support for Iraq following the 1990 invasion PLO funds 10 Palestinian institutions have been slashed by

two-thirds here leading to an erosion of support for the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.' At the same time political divergences have emerged as crucial

decisions approach on the Middle East peace talks. Haidar Abdul Shafi, who heads the bilateral peace delegation, has called for Mr. Arafai's power to be trimmed and greater PLO democracy. Three delegation members tried to resign and last week two PLO executive Committee members did walk out. Fatch's military chief in Lebanon, Munir Maqdah, urged Mr. Arafat to

The PLO Black Panthers and Fateh hawks, two armed wings in the territories, issued a statement as early as May charging that militants were being dropped while politicians kept the money as the financial squeeze worsened.

Zuheir Dibi, editor of "The Nablus weekly," said: "I do blame the PLO for mismanaging money. Our people here and in Lebanon live in terrible conditions while money has been poured into pointless associations and bodies."

But Mr. Dibi, a Fateb supporter who spent more than 10 years in jail, also sees external factors at play beyond the control of Mr. Arafat or any other Palestinian leader.

West Bank Bir Zeit University student leader Ibrahim Khreishe blames Arab states. "Arah countries have successfully imposed an economic and

political siege against the PLO, something Israel never managed to do," he said bitterly. "Arafat is in no way responsible for the Palestinian crisis.

Foreign and Arah countries are waging war on the Palestinians to weaken our position at the peace talks," he added pointing a finger at the United States.

But he did not agree with Mr. Arafat's decision to cut university grants this year leaving thousands of students facing an uncertain Faisal Husseini, the top Palestinian in the territories, believes

the crisis is limited and will be overcome. "Solving this crisis starts with telling the truth about what is happening to our people," he said. Mr. Husseim's name topped a list of prominent Palestinians

who signed a statement on Thursday pledging "unequivocal" support for the PLO and Mr. Arafat.

Mr. Arafat is "a victim of money," said Mr. Jirmi, whose sister was killed by Israeli troops in 1987.

"I do not regret not getting the money from the martyr" fund for my sister's death anymore. What I regret is that the money now goes to support a corrupt, hureaucratic administration that is

not fit to represent the people."

The fund bad an annual budget of \$15 million until the crisis and paid parents about \$70 a month for each "martyr."

In an interview on Wednesday, Mr. Husseini refused to admit that the payments had stopped, despite the public protests of Mr. Jirmi and other families who say they no longer receive the

Mohammad Mustafa, a sheikh in East Jerusalem, added his voice to the criticism. "I know we Palestinians have many doctors, engineers and geniuses, but why can't we find someone to take Arafat's place?

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Cabinet approves amendments to internal ministry systems skilled and qualified personnel to

AMMAN (Petra) - The Council of Ministers Saturday approved the creation of an internal control department at the Ministry of

The new department will be responsible for examining, inves-tigating and assessing all financial and administrative procedures and ensuring sound application of Lany related legislacon.

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali had instructed various ministries to create such departments to improve the efficiency of public administration. The Cabinet also Saturday

announced that financial incentives will be offered by the Ministry of Education to attract highly

reforms to the current educational system. A third decision taken by the Cabinet Saturday affected retired engineers. Under the amendment, a member of the Jordanian

has paid monthly premiums to the JEA for at least 30 years. Previously, an engineer was entitled to a JD 120 monthly pension.

work for the ministry in training

teachers and helping implement

The JEA special division in charge of the pension fund had approved the amendment.

Princess Rahma stresses communication to ensure humanitarian world order

AMMAN — On behalf of HRH Crown Prince Hassan, Princess Rahma Bint Al Hassan delivered an address in which she noted that the depth of the dehate at the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna last June, made it clear that a midway path Thetween the North-South divide) must be found if human rights are to develop into a viabale foundation for global jus-

The Princess was speaking before a group of several thousand youngsters gathered in the Italian city of Rimini last Wednesday in "Meeting for Friendship 'Among Peoples.

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In the address, Princess Rahma stressed that it is the communicaoon and cooperation borne of a i some his meeting as that at Rimini that must be the cornerstone of an approach to ensure that the "New World Order" is essentially humanitarian in content.

"We are brought together hy a dream that I am sure we all share: a dream of a world with no war, d an armed, no more avoidable suffering. A world in which the victims of today's violence and oppression can rise, clothed in dignity, to play their part in the human enterprise of tomorrow." Prin-

cess Rahma told the gathering. The Meeting for Friendship is a gathering which, every summer.



transforms Rimini into a capital of culture. For the week between Aug. 21 and 28, conferences, live shows, study seminars and testimonies

on major and topical themes are

staged.
The meeting's prestigious exhibitions have won national acclaim and remain open to the public for several months of the year, such as "The Cides of the Gods" in 1992 and this year's The Euphrates and Time," and exhibition on the first civilisacon in the lands of the Middle East.



JORDAN YELLOW PAGES RELEASED: His Royal Highness Prince Ali Ben Al Hussein Saturday attends a reception at the Marriott Hotel on the occasion of the release of the first issue of the Jordan Yellow Pages. The directory, which includes the telephone numbers and addresses of around 12,000 Jordanian economic institutions and companies, is a product of the Hashemite Advertising and Publishing Company in cooperation with Tele Direct Canada, Canada's largest telecommunications company. Canadian Ambassador in Jordan Andrew Robinson expressed hope that the directory will contribute to enhancing trade and communication businesses in the Kingdom

Jordan, Siovenia establish dipiomatic ties

announced that Jordan was establishing diplomatic relations with the Repoblic of Slovenia at the ambassadorial level. It said that Jordan's Ambassador to Italy Hassan Abu Ne'meh was authorised to sign an agreement with the government of Slovenia ou the establishment of diplomace ties, noting that the envoy to Slovenia will be a non-resident ambassador.

Ministry to offer guidance to prisoners

in cooperation with the Public Security Department (PSD), would benefit the inmates hy providing them with advice and guidance. the courts and the provincial governors and would give special attendon to juvenile delinquents.

Mayor calls for cultural meeting

issued a call to various cultural and artistic groups to meet at the Municipality on Wednesday to discuss prospects for stimulating cultural life in Amman.

Teachers to produce educational kits

Education Saturday opened a workshop to train teachers in producing educational kits for the primary and basic education schools. The workshop, organised in cooperation with the Amman office of the United Nacons Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) will last two months and will enable teachers of geography and science to produce the

Phosphate firm to hold workshop

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) Saturday announced that it would organise a workshop here on Sunday on the specifications and maintenance of conveyor belts. It said that engineers and technicians from the phosphate, cement and potash companies would take part in the workshop.

King directs government to reconstruct Al Aqsa minbar

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein Saturday instructed the government to take the necessary steps to reconstruct the Saladdin minbar (a stepped platform for preaching) within Al

Aque Mosque in Jerusalem. The ancient minbar of the holy shrine was brought from Aleppo to Jerusalem by the Muslim lead-er Saladdin, who liberated the city from the Crusaders in 1187 Engineers Association (JEA) will get a maximum pension of JD 180 per month, provided be or she

"I instruct the government from this moment to direct the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs and the Jordanian committee entrusted with the restoration of Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock to take all the necessary measures for the reconstruction of the minbar in its original form," said the King in his message to the prime minis-

"We want the minbar to retain its original shape and value and help revive its historic role as a forum for calling on the faithful to close ranks and unite their efforts to confront invaders and to rid the nation of the elements of weakness," said the King.

"I hereby instruct you to direct the attendon of the committee to the restoration of the holy shrine and to include the reconstruction

way for the restoration of the Dome of the Rock," the King continued.

"We direct this committee to take all the appropriate and required number of technicians and skilled architects for the project until it regains its original form and status, regardless of the

cost," King Hussein continued. Noting that the reconstruction and the refurbishing of the holy shrines was his religious duty, King Hussein said, "We are de-termined to saleguard the holy shrines and the Islamic heritage which includes the Saladdin minbar that withstood the elements of age for centuries. And we are determined that the minhar should regain its original form reflecting its beauty and its perfection.

The King said that he was undertaking this mission in response to Jordanian historic and cultural responsibilities and in respect for the national heritage and realfirmation of the nation's history and future.

Work is under way at the restoration of the Dome of the Rock, to which King Hussein has donated \$8.24 million. Mivan, the Irish construction firm, which

of the minbar in the plans under signed a contract with the Minisway for the restoration of the try of Awqaf in 1992, is currently conducting work on the dome of the shrine. The company is to cover the dome with gold-gilded copper sheets supported by lead, necessary steps and to recruit the restore the roofs and install an early warning system against

> In reply to the King's message, the prime minister said that he was responding with appreciation to the Royal directives and has already instructed the minister of Awgal to take steps towards the reconstruction of the ancient min-

"Your keenness to safeguard Jerusalem and its holy shrines is a well-known fact and your sacrifice for the boly city and the Islamic beritage is recognised throughout the Islamic world," said Dr. Majali in his reply. He said the Hashemite family

offered huge sacrifices to protect the holy places throughout his-Dr. Majali added that coinciding with the Prophet Moham-

mad's birthday, which falls on Monday, the government was taking measures to start reconstructing the Saladdin minbar. In an interview Saturday evening on Jordan Television, Ra'ef Nijim, deputy head of the Jordanian Committee for the Restoration of the Holy Shrines, said the minbar was constructed 800 years ago by Muslim leader Nureddin Zinki in Aleppo.

It was not until Saladdin Ayyoubi liberated Beit Al Maodes in 1187 that the minbar was brought to Jerusalem from Halwiyyeh in Aleppo and remained there until an Australian, Dennis Rohan set fire to the mosque on Aug. 21, 1969.

Two years later, reconstruction began on the minbar, considered unique in design and fabrication. It is composed of small pieces of wood, without the use of any other material, and is covered by writings in ivory. The minhar. said Mr. Nijim can be considered a masterpiece that is expected to last for hundreds and thousands of years because it is resistant to

"We have collected its 40 plans and the needed material that resembles those initially used, and we are ready to implement the project. The period needed to rebuild the minbar is two years and will cost around \$3 million," Mr. Nijim said.

"Reconstructing this minbar and putting it back in its place means that we have regained the meaning of victory," he added.



The minbar of Al Agsa Mosque was destroyed in 1969 (file

Trade minister heads for Damascus for talks with Syrian counterpart Manufacturers to display goods in Syria, Poland

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Industry and Trade Bassam Al Saket Saturday left Amman for Damascus to start a three-day visit which will include talks with the Syrian Minister of Foreign

Dr. Saket was also scheduled to attend the opening of the Damascus International Fair Saturday evening and chair a meeting by the general assembly of the Jordan-Syria Industry Company to discuss the firm's projects and future plans.

Trade and Economy Mohammad

The Jordan Exports Development and Commercial Centres Corporation (JEDCO) has arranged for 76 Jordanian firms to take part in the fair by display-

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AMMAN (J.T.) - The Irbid

Branch of the Jordanian Society

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Pollurion (JSCEP), in coopera-

oon with the German Friedrich

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duct a seminar enotted "Environ-

mental and Community Matters

in 1rbid Governorate," on Sept.

The seminar aims at activating

the branch's role in serving the

local community, said a JSCEP

In addition, it will focus on

local environmental issues related

to Irbid Governorate with the

aim of providing proper dialogue

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tured products. Dr. Sakat is accompanied on the Syrian visit by JEDCO Director Mohammad Bani Hani and

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Meanwhile, a group of Jorda-nian husinessmen and exporters are due to leave for Warsaw Sunday to attend the opening of the first Jordanian Industria

The Jordan Trade Association (JTA), which organised the fair, said it will run from August 31 until Sept. 4.

A large number of Jordanian industrial firms will display samples of their manufactured goods

balance is in Poland's favour and the JTA hopes Jordanian firms will open markets in Poland and help adjust the level of exchange.

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According to JTA sources, Poland's markets look promising for Jordanian goods.



Bassam Al Saket

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They said the VTC plans to

expand training facilities for

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to set up 12 new AMMAN (Petra) - The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) Saturday announced plans to set up 12 additional vocational

training centres for women by 1996, to meet growing demand.

A total of 23 trades, including radio and television repair, office

They said the centres will be set

up in Irhid, Mafraq, Zarqa, Abu Nuscir, Dhiban, Tafileb, Karak. Ma'an, Russeifa, Aqaba, Beit Ras and Amman.

The officials explained that the

VTC opened the first training centre for women in 1978, but the number of trainees gradually increased over the years, reaching 11,163 in 1993.

signed to absorb 1,700 trainees, work, dressmaking and child said VTC officials. training centre which was estab-

lished in 1984, said the officials. The Marka centre alone bas an absorption eapacity of 650 trainces annually, they added.

ments of the local labour market as well. Women who obtain vocational

training, they added, come from rural as well as urban regions in

According to the officials, the all governorates.

Experts to hold workshop on transporting wild animals

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) reached an agreement with the University of Maine in the United States to organise a workshop in October on modern means of transporting wild animal species from one wildlife reserve to another.

The announcement was made by RSCN Director Maher Ahu Jaafar at the end of a four-day workshop, during which wildlife and rare species experts from the American University delivered

education.

More than 70 participants replectures in Amman. resenting public and private sec-The October workshop, which tors, JSCEP Irbid hranch memwill be the third to be jointly bers as well as Yarmouk Uniorganised with the university, will versity staff and interested focus on the transfer fo deer now housed and reared at Zobva Re-

citizens are expected to attend. Arabs to go to 11th round

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The Arab resolution also called for Israel to stop settlers from setting up colonies in the occupied territories and particularly Jerusalem in order to "create a climate allowing for the success of negoriations." The document included a dee-

laraoon of support for the anti-Israeli resistance in Lebanon and the occupied territories and called for the release of Palesonian and Lebanese prisoners in Israeli

It condemned Israel's blitz last month on South Lebanon and hit out at what they said were Israeli statements incompabble with the peace process.

The minister demanded that Israel, to prepare the ground for the success of the talks, end attacks on Lebanon, free all Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners and allow the immediate return of nearly 400 Palestinians expelled to Lebanon last year. spacious reserve to help them Jaafar.

The two sides also agreed to cooperate in spreading public awareness in Jordan about wildlife in general and the management of the existing Jordanian wildlife reserves, added Mr. Abu

rised with modern methods of

Jaafar. In the recent four-day workshop, he noted, 20 participants specialising in wildlife conservaoon from the RSCN in addition to the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University took part in the discussions and were familia-

managing reserves, and caring for

rare species, said, Mr. Ahn

The focus was on the Shaumari Wildlife Reserve near Azraq, set up on 320 square kilometres, which was visited by the participant.

During the workshop, Mr. Abu Jaafar reviewed methods adopted by the RSCN in managing its reserves, noong that the society has created 265 children's elubs in Jordanian schools, which help to inform children on caring for animals and protecting the en-

Mr. Abu Jaafar said the first workshop organised jointly with the University of Maine was held here in 1989.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

☆ Art exhibition by Iraqi artist Shaker Al Shadi at Alia Art Gallery.

★ Exhibition of paintings by 25 Jordanian artists at the Housing Bank Complex exhibition hall.

★ Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian artist Bishara Najjar at Eshbelia Art Gallery, Amra Shopping Centre.

☆ Opening of new art gallery, "Darat Al Funun," of the Abdul Majeed Shoman Foundation. Programme includes the permanent exhibition and the "Chair" exhibition in Jabal Luwelbdeh. ★ Exhibition entitled "Reflections and Colours" by artist Zeinab

Abbas Mahdi at the Royal Cultural Centre. FILMS

Film entitled "Escape to Witch Mountain" at the American Centre at 6:00 p.m.

SHOWS

☆ "The Eternal Torch," a variety of Circassian dance performances by Al-Jeel Al-Jadeed Club at the club's premises in the Seventh Circle.

SEMINARS

☆ Seminars entitled "Newspaper Articles and the Citizen's Concerns" by Sultan Hattab and Jihad Jbarah at the Royal Cultural Centre at 6:30 p.m.

Dead woman reported electrocuted

AMMAN (J.T.) - A 30-year-old woman was found dead in her bedroom at Taybeh town, south of Amman. Police helieve she was electrocuted, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily Saturday.

The paper, which identified the woman as Y.M.G, said that relatives calling at the woman's home had found the body and reported the matter to police.

Initial investigations into the case were said to reveal that the woman's hands were tied to her bed and electric wires were attached to her body, which indicated that an electric shock had caused ber death, the paper said. Al Dustour also reported that a 33-year-old man, identified by the police as M.A.N. from Jabal Hussein, had committed suicide

last week. The report said the man was said to have injected himself with a poisonous pesticide while in his office near a residential area.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

AMMAN (Petra) - The Council of Ministers Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) - The Ministry of Social Development Saturday announced plans to open social services offices inside the prisons of Jordan. It said that the project, to be implemented noting that the offices would also follow up on inmates' cases with

AMMAN (Petra) - Amman Mayor Mamdouh Al Ahbadi has

AMMAN (Petra) - The Department of Curricula Technical necessary kits for their students.



The Arabian horse is the earliest improved breed of horse, valued for its speed, stamina, beauty, intelligence and gentle-

Arabian horse festival to begin next month

AMMAN (Petra) - Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein Saturday announced that a five-day Arabian Horse Festival will be organised in Jordan next month with the participation of seven countries in addition to

Jordan. The festival, the fourth of its kind to be held in the Kingdom, is to be held at the Royal Stables in Al Hummar beginning Sept. 20,

Princess Alia said. She said a contest will be held in Sept. 22 and 23, and the winning horses will be eligible to take part in future European horse festivals.

At the same time, the royal stables will organise on Sept. 20 and 21 a training course for

umpires to enable them to take

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ple's Democratie Party Tayseer

Zibri, whose group also opposed

the new provisional election law, said: "We also have many re-

servations on events in the coun-

try, but we cannot abandon the

policical arena for the enemies of

democracy. I hope Shbeilat's de-

nian Horse Breeders Society. Laith Shbeilat quits politics cision is a summer cloud, we hope

part in international contests.

During the festival, a general

art exhibition of paintings of

horses and a training course for

veterinarians specialising in the treatment of horses will be orga-

nised at the Royal Stud, Princess

Countries participating in the

coming fesoval, said the Princess,

are Qatar, Egypt, Syria, Oman, fraq, Britain and the U.S. in

She said there will be several

Princess Alia is president of the

horse parades during the festival

adding that the event will be open

Arabian Horse Organisation and ehairwoman of the Royal Jorda-

addition to Jordan.

to the public.

Alia noted.

for his return." Despite wide-spread support for Mr. Shbeilat's ideas and principles, a political figure said: "There is no idealism in politics. It is a down-to-earth process; and idealists usually are forgotten. We hope this would make Shbeilat retract his decision."

PLO is still in crisis talks

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Israel Radio said on Saturday that Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-mon Peres had flown to California to hrief U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher on the interim self-rule plan.

The second session, which broke up at 3 a.m. (0200 GMT) Saturday, included a thorough examination of the Gaza-Jericho autonomy proposal, Mr. Khalid

"Most of the hrothers who talked in last night's session were against the proposal. They believe it's useless and should be withdrawn," said Mr. Khalid. "I think Arafat believes that the project will solve his own

problems ... and he is determined

to go on with it," Mr. Khalid

Despite the problems, another PLO official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the 6 1/2 hour session was conducted in "a relatively quiet atmosphere."

Although the Executive Committee apparently is far from agreement on peace tactics, PLO officials said Mr. Arafat summoned delegates to the U.S.sponsored peace talks to come to Tunis to discuss their strategy when the 11th round of talks opens. Sources said Mr. Arafat also

was pressed to disclose exactly why the PLO is having financial Committee member Jawad Al Ghosein, who heads the Palestine Nacional Fund and holds a post

equivalent to PLO finance minis-

ter, was asked for a detailed audit

fo funds, the sources said. Mr. Ghosein later told a reporter that there had been no wrongdoing or gross mismanagement of PLO money. Like Mr. Arafat, he blamed the financial problems on funding cuts from Arab countries after the 1991 Gulf war when Mr. Arafat backed Iraq.

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

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Water beyond reach

IS JORDAN waiting for a miracle to happen, like the success of the peace process, to resolve the growing national water problem that we now face?

Jordan can indeed pin hope on the eventual success of the negotiations to contribute to the solution of the chronic water problem, but we cannot afford to sit idle by until that happens. Even though water resources in the county are limited under the present circumstances there is still a great deal that can be done right away to alleviate the hardships that Jordanians suffer almost daily from water shortages. Our water authorities have, for example, been saying for years that water losses from rusty water networks reach the phenomenal rate of 50 per cent. If this is one of the prime problems, why then have we waited for so long to do something about it? It would seem sensible to allocate all the necessary funds for the plugging of this loophole, no matter how high the bill is. This priority investment in the water system makes good sense even from a strictly economic point of view. The national savings that can be realised make it worth the trouble.

There are other remedial measures that can be put to practice immediately to decrease the problem if not to solve it altogether. But all such solutions, including the construction of new dams or private cisterns, would not begin to even scratch the surface of the crisis unless there is a more even distribution of people in the Kingdom. The rate at which the capital is growing, for example, would make all available solutions fall short of objective even if and when there is peace in the area.

True, we do not live in a police state and freedom of movement and choice of residence are constitutionally enshrined rights. Still, there must be in place an approved policy to lessen the burdens on key cities like Amman and Zarka. This calls for the cooperation of the people themselves who may be encouraged through social and economic incentives to make a more balanced choice of where to build their homes and construct their businesses. The central issue, though, remains the size of the population of the country. There is obviously a limit to the capacity of Jordan in absorbing more people, whether immigrants or new borns. No amount of pure nationalist or religious feelings would be a rational or sufficient justification for letting the country break at the seams. There must be a national population policy that would determine the extent of population growth which the natural resources of Jordan can tolerate.

The next Parliament should open the door for a serious debate on this issue. Meanwhile, the government should begin to formulate guidelines for the required population policy even while we remain engaged in peace talks with Israel. We should put our own house in order before we affix stamp to any agreements regarding the whole future of the area.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

SAWT AL SHAAB daily Saturday discussed the outcome of the Arah foreign ministers' talks in Beirut Friday, describing the meeting as a manifestation of solidarity with Lebanon in the face of Israel's recurrent acts of aggression. There is no doubt that the Beirut meeting was also a chance for the Arah foreign ministers to reaffirm their united stand and close ranks in connection with the coming Washington meetings with the Israeli side to discuss prospects for peace in the Middle East, said the paper. Coming in the wake of Palestine president's talks with King Hussein in Amman, the Beirut meeting is considered another stage of genuine Arah efforts to maintain cohesion within their ranks in the face of Israel's manoeuvres with regard to the occupied Arah lands in general and Jerusalem in particular, said the paper. Jerusalem is not for the Palestinians alone but rather for all Arabs Muslims and Christians alike, and there is need for all Arah parties to the Middle East peace process to cling to the Arab Nation's right and demand for sovereignty over the Arab city. demanded the paper. There is no alternative to supporting the Palestinian side at the talks in demanding the full rights of the Palestinian people not only in Gaza and West Bank but also in Jerusalem, added the daily. It said that the return of Gaza, Jericho or other parts of the occupied lands as a first stage should not divert the Arah Nation's attention from continued efforts to regain the Arab city of Jerusalem as it is, an integral part of the occupied Arah territories.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i said that the Arab are not united in their stand and lack genuine coordination vis-a-vis the U.S. Israeli alliance. Tareq Masarweh said that a major indication of this fact is Jordan's total surprise at the Palestinian-Israeli agreement on the so-called Jericho and Gaza first proposal. Likewise, Damascus was surprised at the deployment of the Lebanese army in the south, said the writer. It seems that the Americans and the Israelis are intent on keeping the Arah parties in disarray to facilitate partial solutions. He said the alliance is intent on separating the Palestinians living inside the occupied lands from those in the diaspora and is keen on separating Lebanon and Syria. Washington is determined to force Syria to pull out its forces from Lebanon and to integrate the so-called south Lebanese army in the Lehanese armed forces as part of the arrangement this alliance wants to see in this region. At the same time, said the writer, the Palestinians are prevented from operating from South Lehanon. it is regrettable to see Syria's cool relations with Jordan and the uneasy relationship between Syria and the PLO, something nich works in favour of the U.S.-Israeli alliance too, added the writer. He said that despite the Beirut meeting Friday, and despite the reaffirmation of the closed Arah ranks vis-a-vis Israel, the , abs remain as far apart as ever, and together they face a gloo, , ruture.



Diplomats' departures show low morale over Bosnia

By Deborah Zabarenko Reuter

WASHINGTON - A rash of U.S. State Department resignations points up a crisis of morale over Bosnia, typified by the latest dissident's view that the Clinton administration sees Bosnia as a mere "distraction" from domestic

"It appears to me ...that the policy-makers want this problem to go away, that President (Bill) Clinton feels he was elected to focus on domestic issues and Bosnia is a distraction." former Croatia Desk Officer Stephen Walker said Tuesday, one day

after he resigned.

"I helieve that frustration is widespread within the department and there is ...approaching a consensus that our policy is misguided and that we should be doing more," Mr. Walker told Reuters by telephone.

As the third low-level diplomat to quit in less than a month, Mr. Walker felt he was acting on opinions shared - but not always expressed — in the offices and corridors of the State Depart-

For him, the last straw was U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's statement in late July that Washington was doing all it could in Bosnia within the constraints of national security. a statement that Mr. Walker said showed the international community had "given up on Bos-

In fact, Mr. Christopher was cognisant enough of grumbling within the ranks to call a meeting of several dozen employees earlier this month to air differences on U.S. policy in the former

The United States and Europe have appeared powerless to m erate a hrutal civil war in which Bosnian Muslims have suffered especially grievously — including civilians racked by malnutrition. disease and untended war wounds in besiged cities - under a campaign pressed by Bosnian

Department spokesman Mike McCurry has been at pains to note that even the secretary of state empathises with those at the lower levels when it comes to a problem like Bosnia.

Asked what Mr. Walker's resignation signified, Mr. McCurry has said: "I think it tells you what the secretary himself has said on numerous occasions: this is a frustrating, terrible, problem in

But however sympathetic they may be to the dissenters, Mr. Christopher and others at the top are unlikely to change policy based on several low-level resignations, according to one former State Department officer.

The job of low-level hureaucrats is to focus on particular issues ...to make the best recommendation they can to the president regarding U.S. national interest .But that's not the end of the story," said George Mitchell, now a professor at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

The end of the story is written at the White House where they combine international and domestic concerns in conjunction

with the Congress," he said.
Sometimes, Mr. Mitchell said,
desk-level officers can lose perspective and become out of touch with the overall thrust of U.S. policy. He also noted that repeated opinion polls show scant concern for Bosnia among the American public and little enthusiasm for any major U.S. military involvement there.

We live in a post-Vietnam political climate in this country .which means domestic priorities have finally come to the fore and should not be sacrificed except to the most extreme international threats," Mr. Mitchell said,

He rejected any comparison between the Bosnia policy resignations — four in a year — to internal U.S. government dissent during the Vietnam war era, saying disagreement over Bosnia is concentrated in one office of the State Department while dissent over U.S.-Vietnam policy was widespread.

At 30, after eight years as a foreign service officer and only two months with the State Department's Balkan conflict group. Mr. Walker said he had no new joh lined up hut still felt resignation was his only course in the face of U.S. policy.

"There have been policies before that I disagreed with, quite strongly, but this is the one case. where the situation was so grave, the stakes so high and the likelihood of policy change so low that I had no choice hut to resign," he

Haiti — example of successful use of sanctions

By Anthony Goodman

UNITED NATIONS — A U.N. Security Council decision suspending sanctions against Haiti has capped a rare, successful use of the council's ultimate economic weapon.

The suspension, approved on Friday, came little more than two months after an oil, arms and financial embargo was slapped on the Caribbean nation to force the reinstatement of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, overthrown in a September 1991 military coup.

Under an agreement between Mr. Aristide and Haitian military chief Lieutenant-General Raoul Cedras, signed in New York on July 3, the exiled president will return home on Oct. 30.

The Haitian parliament's confirmation this week of husinessman Robert Malval as Mr. Aristide's prime minister cleared the way for the sanctions to be suspended.

But the council retained the option of reimposing the sanctions if the New York agreement is breached. They will be definitively lifted when all provisionss of the accord have been implemented.

The case of Haiti marks a classic use of sanctions virtually unprecedented in U.N. history.

They were voted on June 16 and went into force on june 23. after a one-week grace period. Not only do they appear to have achieved everything the Security Council intended, butdid uses of the punitive weapon... The first application of sanctions under the mandatory provisions of Chapter VII of the U.N.

so in record time - unlike other

Charter was against the then-hreakaway British colony of Rhodesia. A series of increasingly harsh measures imposed between 1966 and 1977 lapsed only after Rhodesia became the indepen-dent African-ruled nation of Zim-

babwe in 1980. The next U.N. use of sanctions was in 1977, when the Security Council enacted a mandatory arms embargo — still in force — against South Africa because of its racial policies and incursions

into neighbouring African coun-In the cases of Rhodesia and South Africa, the sanctions were neither quick-acting nor particu-

larly effective. This contrasts sharply with Hatti, already impoverished when the oil ban and other measures went into force, bringing the country to a virtual standstill

within weeks. In recent years, the Security Council has resorted to sanctions of varying severity in reaction to a string of crises.

They ranged from Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait to the strife in former Yugoslavia and from Libya's refusal to surrender suspects in the 1988 bombing of an airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland to the outbreak of factional warfare in Somalia.

Human development in Jordan ACCORDING TO the tables presented in the World Human Development Report (1993), issued by the United Nations

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Development Programme (UNDP), the per capita gross national product (GNP) in Jordan was estimated at \$1,640, which places Jordan in a respectable place among nations. Two third of human beings are poorer than we are, while one third of mankind to probable the place among nations. is probably much richer. Our place on an accelerating scale of 100 in per capita stands at the point of 66.6.

The poorest people in the world are the Mozambique people and the richest are the Swiss. Among the Arab countries, the people of Somalia are at the bottom of the list, with an average of 170 per capita, and the people of the United Arah Emirates (UAE) are at the top, with an average annual income of \$18,430 per capita. Thus, the income of an average UAE national equals the income of 108 Somali citizens or 11 Jordanians.

However, the per capita income is but one factor in the human development. The international human development index gave the other following indicators for Jordan:

Among the 160 countries covered by the report, Jordan is in the Annong the too duffice devectably the reports, 50 data is in the 86th position. Average life expectancy at birth is 66.9 years. The percentage of adults who are able to read and write is 80.1 per cent. The average gross domestic product (GDP) per capita after adjustment for purchasing power parity (PPP) is \$2,415 and the overall index of human development in Jordan is 58.6 per cent. The report states that 97 per cent of the Jordanian popularior has access to medical services. 99 per cent has drinkable water.

has access to medical services, 99 per cent has drinkable water, and the average Jordanian consumes food enough to give him or her 118 per cent of the calories required. The purchasing power of money in Jordan is 47.3 per cent higher than the world average; therefore, the per capita income of \$1,640 is actually equivalent to \$2,415 because the price level of goods and services in Jordan is lower than the worldwide level by 32.1 per cent.

Comparing Jordan's human situation in 1990 to what it used to

be 30 years ago, the report concluded that the average life of the Jordanian increased by 42.6 per cent, infant mortality rate declined by 76 per cent, the food calories intake rose by 26.9 per cent and the per capita income rate by 115.6 per cent in real terms i.e., after allowing for inflation, an improvement of 2.6 per

If we compare Jordan's human state of affairs with that of the industrialised countries of the North, we find that the average Jordanian has 90 per cent of life expectancy, 88 per cent of the nutritional calories, 82 per cent of education, 16 per cent of the gross domestic product, 12 per cent of gross national product, 50 per cent of the educational years, 11 per cent of the nurses per one thousand of population, 33 per cent of family planning, 37 per

cent of contraceptives, 40 per cent of medical doctors and 16 per cent of the newspaper circulation relative to population. The report estimated that each 1,000 Jordanians (or 150 families) own 252 radios, 77 television sets, and hay 53 copies of

The population under the line of poverty is estimated at 17 per cent, the ratio of public expenditure on education is 5.9 per cent and on public health 2.7 per cent. The foreign aid received by Jordan amounts to 16.7 per cent of GNP (1990), which put Jordan in the sixth highest place as far indebtedness is concerned in the first if you exclude African dehtor countries.

"Comparing Jordan's human situation in 1990 to what it used to be 30 years ago, the report concluded that the average life of the Jordanians increased by 42.6 per cent, infant mortality rate declined by 76 per cent, the food calories intake rose by 26.9 per cent and the per capita income rate by 115.6 per cent in real terms i.e., after allowing for inflation, an improvement of 2.6 per annum."

The report found that there are 2.1 soldiers for each teacher, or 26 soldiers for each physician. Taxes take 15.3 per cent of GNP (1989) and direct taxes make 13.4 per cent of total taxes.

This in sum is the state of affairs of human development in Jordan. In this respect, Jordan ranks as number one among Arab countries not producing oil hut ranks as number 10 among all

Of course there is large room for improvement and further development. It is not good enough to say that Jordan today is far better than it used to be several decades ago. This should not be taken for granted, the comparison must be made with other countries which improved also, some of them faster than we did.

The United Nations annual report on the state of all countries of the world regarding human development will work as an effective incentive to speed up the race for a better life for the

Kuwait uses counselling to tackle Gulf war trauma

By William MaClean Reuters

KUWAIT - When Kuwait started psychological counselling for people traumatised by the Gulf war, some thought con-servative tradition might stop sufferers seeking treatment.

The result was surprising. "We are overloaded," said Bashir Al Rashidi, who runs the government-funded service known as the Social Development Office..

"We found many people who accept it. It was astonishing to have such a number." he told Reuters.

He said hundreds of people have attended the office's five clinics since the project was started in April 1992 on the direct order of the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah. Its managers say it is the first

such state-funded service in the Gulf and perhaps in the Middle

Victims of toture and rape during Iraq's seven month occupation are among those who have made use of the free confidential service which includes individual and group therapy from 14 Kuwaiti counsellors with docto-

rates in psychology.

Mr. Rashidi said a U.S. study for the office said Kuwait would need such a counselling service for the next 45 years. Sociologist Fahad Al Nasser

said the service was considering opening a telephone advice "hotline" next year. It will not be easy to heal the

emotional scars of Iraq's 1990 invasion, which shattered the easy calm of a country long seen by its inhabitants as an oasis of peace in a tronhled region. Kuwait lacks previous experience of modern warfare and its

psychological after-effects. Strong family ties provide support but can also create a stigma about professional counselling. "Psychological difficulties are thought of as private issues. Peo-

ple don't want strangers involved," said Mr. Nasser. Mr. Rashidi said that people were willing to attend only if the counsellor was known in society

as a person of integrity. Experts say the effects of what they call post-traumatic stress disorder range from conditions among children such as bedwetting, insomnia and nightmares to delinquency, divorce, and

crime among teenage and adult victims of torture or rape. By treating individuals, the office aims to shore up social stability and parental authority affected by war.

"We have three goals," said Mr. Rashidi. "To find the affected individuals and any negative trends in society, to treat affected individuals and finally to rehabilitate these people."

Mr. Rashidi is still haunted by his own experience of being held during the crisis.

"My heart within was killed. My image of myself was killed," he said. "I was slapped and beaten and told I would be ex-

Many of the people he counsels suffered much worse.

A report published after the war by the office of the judge advocate general of the U.S. army quoted survivors as saying torture had taken place in at least 24 Kuwait city sites during the occupation, mostly police stations or sports facilities.

The report said torture was "hy amputation of or injury to various body parts, including limbs, eyes, tongues, ears, noses, lips and genitals. Electric drills were used to penetrate the chest, legs or arms. Some victims were killed in acid baths."

More than 300 Kuwaitis were killed during the occupation and np to 600 are still missing and believed, despite Iraqi denials, to be held north of the border.

Up to 6,000 Kuwaitis arrested during the occupation spent time in detention in Iraq before being released after the war.

Mr. Nasser said: "We have cases of women raped by the Iraqis, we have fathers who saw their sons executed, we have one father who saw in front of him his son's hands being cut off."

"A child who lost his father can lose control: The mother cannot play the father's role and we have to teach her how." Mr. Rashidi, on sahhatical

leave from the chairmanship of the Educational Psychology Department at Kuwait University, said some army personnel reg-ularly attended the office's cli-

"We have many army people who were caught at the start of the invasion and did not have the chance to fight. They say 'I was paid to fight. I was trained for 15 years for this moment and I was not given a chance.' They are jealous of friends who were killed in the war."

Then you will get a son who says I hate my mother because she did not let my father escape from the country, so he ended upbeing killed by the Iraqis'. The mother is so proud of the sacrifice of her dead husband, but she cannot communicate this to her children. We have hundreds of families like these."

Mr. Nasser said no stigma should be attached to therapy. "Let the individual who comes for counselling be proud of himself. Our argument is that most people accept such counselling in their legal, religious and political affairs, and it is only appropriate to provide this also in psychological matters.

Rape is a sensitive subject in this conservative society.

Mr. Nasser said: 'The lesson we try to teach is that 'you are not to hlame. You paid the price for your country. You are an honoured woman.' Some women are for two months in an Iraqi prison rehabilitated and some even have

LETTERS

Who comes first?

Regarding the letter about the mangling of a horse (Jordan Times, Aug. 25, 1993) I would like to say that although I sympathise with the horse and I am very sorry that it had to endure such misery, I still believe that before we create a system "which can deal quickly and effectively with a situation of this type" we should occupy ourselves with systems that would deal

type" we should occupy ourselves with systems the country, with miseries and poverty of citizens all over the country, but don't you think officials should regard human beings first, before helping animals?" (I See . . . Wall Director

Eliane Abdel Malek, . edicare Amman,



The Abdoon mangled horse moments before it was destroyed

Unprepared for suffering animals

To the Editor:

The letter about the horse which was callously attacked and dumped with horrific injuries (Jordan Times, Aug. 25, 1993), does indeed highlight the need for a system which can deal quickly and effectively with similar situations. In England, the police would call immediately for a vet or an animal welfare representative to destroy a horse such as this, or a police marksman would shoot it, and then arrange for the collection of the carcass.

The Greater Amman Municipality tells us we must have a truck on the spot when we have to destroy an animal, but in numerous cases we have had great difficulty in summoning a truck there and then. This means the animal would have to suffer more.

In this particular case, the horse was destroyed anyway at 6:15 p.m., and when the Jordanian Society for the Protection of Animals (JSPA) went to get a truck the next morning, none came in spite of promises, until our people paid a second visit three hours later and followed a truck there. If the municipality wishes us to remove bodies, we must make them realise that we cannot make an animal suffer for a day or two, until they or others decide to send a truck. The ISPA team always tries to arrange with the municipality, before destroying animals, to have a truck there,

One regularly sees dead dogs on the side of roads, which no one bothers to remove. We wish to keep the country clean, but animals must not be allowed to suffer because of this. Injuries occur at all times of the day and not just in the mornings. Animals must be put out of their misery and trucks should be available at all times to cope with emergencies.

Incidentally, this case was most strange as nobody saw the culprits and nobody has any idea of where it came from. One wonders if it was dumped in the residential area of Abdoun so that someone would see it and deal with it.

> Miss Chris Larter, Publicity Officer for the Jordanian Society for the Protection of Animals, Amman.

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So 'cheap' an adventure

By Robert Gordon-Walker

WE WAIT on a path in the Hinku Valley as another weatherbattered group creaks towards us from Mera, one of Nepal's about 6,000m trekking mountains. Their strained, peeling faces con-trast with their porters' clear complexions and bored expressions. One scabby Lancastrian in hi-tech gear gasps through wind-cracked lips. "It's amazing. But now I'm shattered, I'm emotionally and physically drained."

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Another mumbles that he will be back to "conquer it next time," while 20 over-burdened under-clad porters rush past, anxious that nothing should interrupt their journey home to the comfort of a wood fire.

It is just as well they hurried away, as they might not have cared for the parting words of one of our number — who had now replaced his ice-axe with a prayer wheel — even though the words had been carefully translated from his dog-eared Nepali dictionary. "They have to learn," he said. "They can't keep chopping down trees.

His remarks epitomised one of the chief ambiguities in what has come to be known as "sustainable tourism" - tourism that, according to its proponents, should do minimal harm to the environment

and tries to put something back. The campaign for "sustainable tourism" is a hranch that sprouted from the 1987 report of the U.N.-sponsored World Commmission on Environment and Development. The report, Our Common Future, extends the most recent hand-hold for those who feel fear and loathing for the 'plague wind" of industrialisa-

Organisations like Tourism Concern, founded in 1988, are in the vanguard of a movement that derides so-called "eco-tourism" - tourism to wilderness areas as a marketing gimmick used by travel companies to attract Third World voyeurs who probably drive to their nearest bottle-bank, "Sustainable tourism," which aspires to put something back into underdeveloped countries, appears to be having little effect. While World Tourist Organisation figures show a 17 per cent shift towards the Third World as the holiday-maker's preferred destination between 1980-89, this increase has not had the predicted effect. If you ignore unquantifiable "trickle-down" benefits the Third World's share of receipts from tourism has actually fallen by 4 per cent. This paradox is explained by a feature of such tourism that is depressing evident to anyone who has endured the boast of the emaciated hackpacker staying in the cheapest hovel in Zaire, or the affronted white of the professional on sabbatical when "overcharged" for a taxi trip to the Giza pyramids that costs less than his Tube fare to work. You cannot help suspecting that the campaign for "sustainable tourism" is little more than a rationalised desire to keep the Third World a cheap place to

It is an inescapable fact that the notion of "sustainable tourism" is riddled with internal conflicts. Its adberents tend to assume that the interests of the local communities coincide with their own desire 1u preserve such regions, whereas the local communities might actually prefer their national government's development schemes. It also tends to forget that by trying to preserve the colourful backwardness that supports their image of primitive areadia, it may also he maintaining hideous levels of poverty and deep social injustices. In other words, "sus-tainable tourism" may fail 10 make either an economic or a moral contribution to the regions it says it wants to help.

in a paper commissioned by the World Wide Fund for Nature called Beyond the Green Horizon (1992). Tourism Concern pleads for what we all yearn for when faced with wear and tear on our favourite landscape: the preservation of the status quo through restraint and positive conservation policies. It also insists that local people must determine whether their own backyard should receive visitors at all, and then reap the economic benefits if

Both are laudable aims. But

return accrues at the cost of Conrad's "heart of darkness" or Tintin's Tibetan'idyll? We need to know that such places are there even if we cannot visit them. One answer is to find a small tribe that has hunted in a large area for years, tell the world it is near to extinction and then send in the television cameras. The governor of Brazil's Amazonas state, Gilberto Mestrinho, had a different solution; attack ecologists and anthropologists as lackies of imperialist mineral producers, and then launch plans for an Eco-Disneyland in the jungle.

discussed when the "Second World Congress on Tourism for the Environment" meets at the Hilton on the Venezuelan island of Margarita. After digesting prolix papers in the tropical sun-shine, assorted scientists and delegates from non-governmental organisations will reconvene on the mainland. The conference organisers, the Janaca Trust, hope the participants will find ways to: "Minimise negative environmental and cultural impacts while working to achieve authentic, intimate, meaningful and educational encounters (with) local natural and cultural phe-

Perhaps these problems will be

They might also see a few sights, take some photographs and haggle for ethnic haudicrafts. They can then go home more "experienced" than their inadequate but envious friends. In fact, of course, they will behave like tourists.

Perhaps the key to the discomfort felt by the campaign for "sustainable tourism" lies in the pretence that when we travel to the Third World we are not tour-

what happens when the economic near Arusha, the centre of Tanzania's safari business. The happy disco chimes of "Jambo! Jambo! from the radin pound the visitor's brain like a parody of a mantra, but the barman would prefer to say "goodbye" to this young traveller, who won't spend any money.

> News reports of attacks on tourist buses in Egypt and bombs exploding in Bogota can glamo-rise a trip that could have been made to the local pub. But a journey to the Third World looks better on the CV, and if it is a long one, hulds out the prospect of a joh with a Third World "concerned" group when it is

Resort complexes built by international corporations and enjoyed by fat-cat hedonists insensi-

Encounter Overland truckers and lonely trekkers find that it is ennui, not danger, that confronts them in many exotic locations. In Peru, one of 12 countries the Foreign Office advises against visiting, travellers who are disappointed not to have captured a Sendero Luminoso flag raise their spirits with cheap pisco sour and swap stories about friends of friends who have been robbed. Quechua Indians can not only be admired for their spiritual purity and their "authentic" costumes, but also examined for their larcenous potential.

time to compromise in suburbia.

tive to the slums on the horizon of



A party of trekkers prepares to conquer the Himalayas; is their trip making any real contributions to the local econumy?

their photographs deserve censure if the only benefit to the region is poorly paid work for a handful of cleaners. Yet the mind of the "sustainable tourism" activist is ambivalent on this, too. The left side appreciates the low impact on the environment, while the right side deprecates the

The alternative to preservation does not have to be sex tours to Manila, but nor should it be the creation of parks for western interest groups that designate indigenous communities as "guardians of nature and local customs," Let crystal-clutchers meditate on the Island of Sun on Lake Titicaca, let fogeys in tweed scramble in the Karakorams against the grockel invasion of

Gore-tex, and let husinessmen

with Kerouacs in their pockets explore the barrios next to the Inter-Continental; but at least accept that an Untouchable in India can enjoy a Coke on a hot

Self-indulgence is not the least of the faults of the self-righteous. In Banos, Ecuador, a 25-year-old Australian globe-trekker, wearine a "Pizarro Go Home!" T-shirt

book. He eats muesti in a bedand-breakfast run by a young ex-advertising couple from Lon-don, while New Age music hums from the CD player. He turns to a man who has

recommended a cheap local guide for a jungle trip. "It says he kills "He has to, there aren't any

cafes out there "I don't care. I'm not impresssults his "Lonely Planet" guide The Independent.



ists at all. We feel we are seeking to discover something new in the wilderness, and so the slogan becomes the angry wail of the insincere self-flagellant, disappointed that he has explored along a beaten path. "I am keeping a journal; maybe I can make it into a book," says one traveller to me as we sit in a bar in a small village

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Secret talks

(Continued from page 1)

Israel and army radio indicated Mr. Peres was seeking American help in cementing the "Gaza-Jericho first" deal. One report said Mr. Peres was expected to report to the weekly cabinet session on Sunday.

The PLO was divided over the Gaza-Jericho plan. Chairman Yasser Arafat supports it but some colleagues object to signing an agreement before receiving guarantees they can achieve independent statehood in the West

Bank and Gaza. Israeli right-wingers also object, because of reports that the plan may involve an Israeli troop withdrawal in parts of Gaza or in

The Likud Party accused Mr. Rabin of setting up a "PLO ter-rorist state," in the West Bank and Gaza. Likud lawmakers filed a motion of no confidence and demanded Mr. Rabin hold a national referendum before implementing an autonomy agree-

Parliament also scheduled a special debate for Monday on the issue, interrupting the summer

Israeli and Palestinian officials suggested Friday that agreement on the "Gaza-Jericho first" plan was imminent, and some reports on Friday and Saturday said general guidelines were already

Labour Party lawmaker Efraim Sneb, who is close to Mr. Rabin, tried to tone down these expectations on Saturday. He said "I don't think any agreement is so

He suggested that security was key issue left unresolved.

Palestinians and radio reports suggested Israel had agreed to a troop pullback and to hand over internal security to Palestinian Mr. Sneh said Israel would

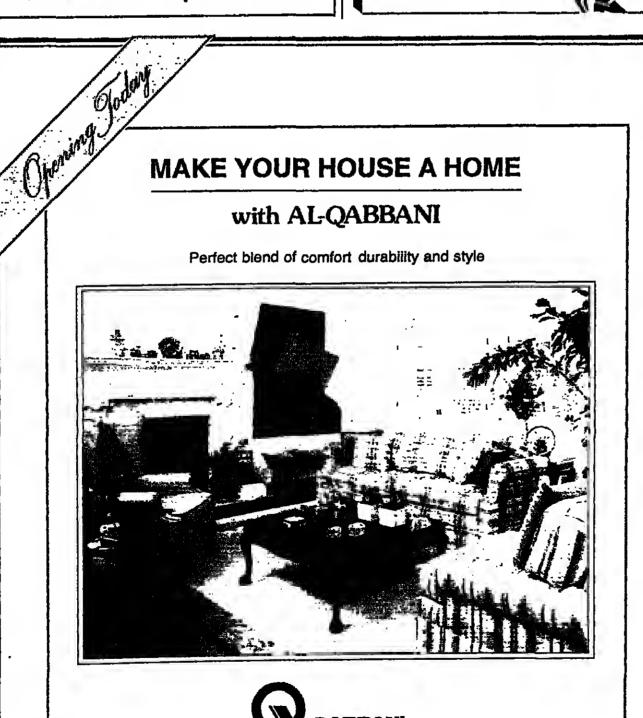
demand that "overall responsibility for security in the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the interim period, remains in Israeli hands." Police Minister Shahal mean-while, was the first Israeh to confirm, albeit half-heartedly, re-ports about Mr. Peres having met

a PLO official. He told Israel Radio he was "not confirming the meeting, but I don't think there's anything

extraordinary here. Israeli media have reported since Wednesday that Mr. Peres met an Arafat aide, either Mohammad Abbas or with Yas-

ser Abed Rabbo, while in Scandinavia in the past week. The purported meeong caps a series of recent behind-the-scenes contacts that have essentially eroded Israel's on-paper policy of boycotting the PLO.

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Analysts: Record-breaking London share rally has further to go

LONDON (R) — London's before the recession. FTSE 100 index of blue chip shares raced to all-time highs Friday and share analysts said the record-breaking run has further to go as fierce demand for stocks

shows no signs of abating.
The Financial Times-Stock Exchange (FTSE) 100 index of blue chip shares pushed through the 3.100 level for the first time, scoring a 21.4 point rise to close at 3,100. 6, galvanised by a stronger index futures market and good. news on manufacturing from the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

The FTSE 100 earlier hit a trading high of 3,103.7.
"A wall of money hits the market every day. We've got good news on recovery and noone will sell stock," said one

turing order books bave im-

The CBI said British manufac-

liament Friday rejected President

Boris Yeltsin's plan to cut the

budget deficit, raising the spectre

of an inflationary spiral and en-

dangering new cash from the

Parliament threw out all but six

international Monetary Find.

'amendments proposed by Mr.

Yeltsin and approved its own

budget plan by 151 votes to three.

more than the number needed to

But the vote changed the name

of the budget law slightly and

some deputies said this could give

Mr. Yeltsin constitutional

grounds to exercise his veto right

In an attempt to force the

government's hand, parliament

voted to give it one week to raise

the funds for the legislature's

spending plans. Government offi-

ciais had said they would simply

Deputies, long hostile to Mr.

Yeltsin's reformist government.

also voted by 147 to 10 to demand

the sacking of Finance Minister

Mr. Fvodorov, 35, is the

standard-bearer of Mr. Yeltsin's

pro-market reforms. He had left

the chamber after an early round

of talks, angering deputies who

thought he was running away

urged deputies to curb monetary

growth or risk propelling Russia

towards hyperinflation. Inflation

is running at 20 per cent a month.

although the government insists it

can still bring it down to 10 per cent by the end of the year.

"History and our people will not forgive us if such a budget is

approved. I ask you to block the

endorsement of such a budget with such a high deficit." he said.

referring to parliament's own

Higher spending would mean tens of trillions of extra roubles

being pumped into the economy

from his responsibilities.

Mr. Fyodorov had

ignore parliament's wishes.

Boris Fyodorov.

overrule a presidential veto.

Russian deputies reject

MOSCOW (R) - Russia's par- before the end of 1993. "This

Yeltsin's budget plans

"It would take something very

negative and totally unexpected to push this market down and hold it there," said Richard Jeffrey of Charterhouse Tilney. We're seeing increasing confirmation of recovery. The rally

will continue,' he added. The FTSE 100 index had risen by around 250 points or nine per cent since end-1992 to its current level and is now just short of double the 1,565 closing level it hit at the low point of the 1987 market crasb.

The prospect of a low-interest rate environment coupled with relatively strong economic growth in Britain and speedier. than expected recovery from re-cession across continental Europe has soarked a wave of buying. Analysts see no let-up in either

domestic or overseas buying. Trevor Laugharne, strategist at proved to the best levels since brokers Kleinwort Benson, said:

means byperinflation becoming

monthly inflation levels reach 50

per cent. Money loses virtually all

meaning, capital takes flight and

barter replaces cash for many

ander Sbokhin, responsible for

Russia's ties with international

organisations, told a news confer-

ence the government still aimed

to bring monthly inflation down

to single figures by the end of the

under 10 per cent of gross national product by the end of the year.

down from current levels just

under 20 per cent and well below

parliament's own proposals, which would lead to a 25 per cent

Mr. Shokhin said the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund (IMF) was

concerned at Russia's economic

performance although it still had

chances of receiving new interna-

But he conceded that it would

be hard to agree a standby loan

by Oct. 1 — a key condition in

deals to reschedule Russia's fore-

ign debts. "We are short of time

the possibility of getting the

standby credit later, maybe in

late autumn. I think there are still

chances that we will get both the

standby credit and the second

tranche of the systemic trans-formation facility." he added.

The tongue-twisting systemic

transformation facility has been

set up to help Russia and other

former communist states trans-

form their economies into capital-

\$1.5 billion under the facility and

bad been expected to receive

another \$1.5 billion this year.

Russia has already received

ist market system.

"We will talk to the IMF about

and the situation is not the best."

tional financial aid.

It wanted a budget deficit of

Deputy Prime Minister Alex-

Hyperinflation kicks in when

"It's difficult to find the icebergs and we have the best balance of positive forces that we'll see for

Even disappointment that the Bundesbank did not cut German interest rates on Thursday failed to upset the market as investors took the view that an eventual cut is inevitable.

"The timing of a (German) cut matters much less than the fact that rates will be down by one point or more by the end of the year," said Mr. Jeffrey.

We've seen very strong inflows of U.S. funds recently on a perception that the U.K. market offers better value than Wall Street. I see that continuing for at least six months," said strategist Mark Howdle of J.P. Morgan. One key to the market's suc-

cess has been the erosion of returns on cash beld in building society and bank deposits. This

into stockmarket investment vehicles like unit trusts.

"Unit trust sales still booming five billion sterling worth has been sold in the first seven months of this year. It was a flat market until then," said Richard Kersley of Barclays de Zoete

Although some market commentators have expressed concern that the ratio of share prices to company earnings is as high as before the autumn 1987 crash, many dismiss fears of a repeat.

Market balls point to the fact company earnings, unlike in 1987, are set to recover from the low point of an economic cycle. Also, the stock market rise has been matched by a surge in government bond prices, leaving the relationship between returns on owning stocks and the interest yield on bonds well within histor-

defaulters for poll ban

The list, which runs to nearly 1,300 pages, names senior figures of nearly all political hues who could be barred from the polls unless they repay their debts by

dustrialists and businessmen are included," said Mohammad Rafiq, the banking council's ex-

Sajjad signed an amendment to the banking laws, covers people who are a year or more overdue on repayment of debts of at least one million rupees (\$33,300) to banks, companies or other financial institutions.

Bhutto and her mother Nusrat are listed in connection with a oce-million-rupee loan to Mussawat, the newspaper of their Pakistan People's Party.

But banking sources said Ms.

would escape the election ban as she held a share of less than 51

Her husband, former member of parliament Asif Ali Zardari, is named as a director in a company which defaulted on a loan in 1985 and now owes 7.2 million

brother of ex-prime minister Nawaz Sharif, is included but banking sources said be would be removed from a revised list as be

caretaker government, and Chaudhry Shnjat Hussain, in-terior minister in Mr. Shari's cabinet.

The entire family of Anwar Saifullah, son-in-law of former president Ghulam Ishaq Khan, is on the list, as are a swathe of top industrialists and senior military officers.

Banking source said the amount due from defaulters could be as high as 95 billion rupees (\$3.2 billion) — the same Benazir, one of the two main as Pakistan's huge budget deficit.

reported Saturday.

The higher authorities have agreed to allow the private sector to buy up to 75 per cent of the two largest companies of the ministry of industry and minerals," they said.

They are the cement factory of Muthana and the brick factory of Shatra, they said.

Baghdad's stock exchange," the newspaper said.

The papers gave no reason for turning the two companies into private hands but said they were selected for their high efficiency despite U.N. sanctions. No details of the companies' annual turnover were given. But the press said the sell-off of 75 per cent would be "an opportunity to contribute in the building of the Iraqi economy according to a new restructuring."

banking council has published a list of loan defaulters after the anyone who failed to service big debt payments could not stand in

October's general election.

Sept. 13.
"Almost all big politicians, in-

per cent in the newspaper.

(\$240,000). Shahbaz Sharif, the prominent

recently repaid his debts. Parliamentary speaker Gauhar Ayub is named as a defaulter. So are Ali Khan Junejo, food and agriculture minister in the current

being a case study in ruinous cent a year. inflation, Argentina returned Friday to single-digit yearly price Just four years ago hyper-inflation was tripling prices in a month, upsetting the economy

Iraq issues shares for 2 state-owned companies

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq is selling 75 t r cent of two of its largest state-owned companies to private investors, Baghdad newspapers

"Soon the shares of these two firms will be issued and sold at

has sparked an exodus of funds Pakistan lists loan

caretaker government ruled that

ecutive vice-president. The list, published Friday might after caretaker President Wasim

Opposition leader Benazir

gains to profit-taking

Wall Street

loses record

NEW YORK (AFP) - The blue chip Dow Jones index climbed to a pair of record highs this week but profit-taking eroded most of the gains, a correction expected by traders who now predict another rise.

The index of 30 leading industrials closed Friday at 3,640.63, up 7.55 points from last week.

The New York Stock Exchange was buoyed by the bond market's record lows on long-term rates.

The Bundesbank's decision not to lower key interest rates for now contributed to the continuing fall in U.S. rates. The move could slow European economie recovery and bence that of the United States, experts said. Expectations of a slow but

steady U.S. rebound allayed fears of inflation which also pushed down interest rates, they noted. Dennis Jarrett, an analysts with Kidder Peabody, predicted profit-taking during the coming weeks on Wall Street would push blue chip prices below the 3,550

Selling on the bond market would also spark a brief rise in interest rates, Mr. Jarrett said. But the analyst also said stock

prices likely would take off again, climbing back up to 3,700 or 3,800 points by the end of the vear, boosted primarily by continued low interest rates.

On the bond market, interest rates on 30-year treasury bonds dropped to 6.13 per cent Friday from 6.21 per cent last week. Rates dropped Thursday to their lowest level in 16 years, to 6.08

VEZ (R) - After decades of

and making even an ordinary trip

But President Carlos Menem

amnounced Friday that this

month's consumer price inflation

would be 0.2 per cent or less -

the lowest figure in almost 20

thus have risen less than 10 per

"Measuring it August to Au-

gust, we have broken into single

digits," Mr. Menem said at the

opening of a meat-processing

plant owned by a subsidiary of the Campbell Soup Co.

who decided to step down half a

year early as a result of mad price

rises which had brought the coun-

In the year ending on Ang. 31. over.

to the grocery store difficult.

Argentina brings down

inflation to single digit

VILLA GOBERNADOR GAL- that when be took office inflation

German central bank increasingly concerned by market guesses FRANKFURT (R) — The Bun-desbank, often the butt of inter-as to how much the discount rate in forecasts were really only based

national criticism for its tough anti-inflationary policies, appears increasingly concerned by financial markets' attempts to second-

guess its monetary decisions. Bankers and central bank officials say the massive wave of predictions which precedes any meeting of the Bundesbank's central council often lead to distorted market reactions.

The Bundesbank regularly has to take the blame for those reactions when the markets are disappointed that their expectations have not been fulfilled.

Nevertheless, bankers in Frankfurt are certain that the independent and inflationconscious central bank, while having to take market views into account, will not be swayed away from its primary task of maintain-ing price stability.

The most dramatic recent ex-

ample of the Bundesbank "disappointing" the markets was on July 29, when it failed to deliver a cut in the discount rate which money dealers believed was necessary to save the European monetary system (EMS).

The result of the Bundesbank's move only to trim its less important Lombard lending rate led to a flood of speculative selling of weaker currencies and the de facto dissolution of the system three days later - for which France initially blamed the Gernan central bank.

Market players and economists were equally convinced the Bundesbank was going to trim its discount rate this week.

As the 16-strong Bundesbank council went into its meeting Thursday, it had available precise

was running at around 5,000 per

Minister Domingo Cavallo have pegged the local currency, the

pese, to the dollar at a one-to-one

parity and passed a law that bars

the government from printing any

money unless it has the reserves

The currency at the time of Mr.

Alfonsin, the austral, had gone

from being worth more than \$1 -

it was quoted at 0.85 to the dollar

at birth in 1985 - to 690 per

dollar when Mr. Menem took

It was phased out last January,

having sunk to 10,000 per dollar

with a brief resurgence of hyper-

inflation early in Mr. Menem's

from the sale of the major state-

run concerns, is now strong

\$200,000 on Friday, but often

Mr. Menem is determined to

The peso, bolstered by income

to back it up.

administration.

tens of millions.

The Peronist president took enough for the central bank to over in July 1989 from his Radical Party predecessor Ranl Alfonsin, pesos on the local market — just

try to the brink of collapse.

On Friday, underscoring the difference, Mr. Menem recalled power for a second term.

Mr. Menem and Economy

would fall.

Markets were again wrongfooted when the central bank announced no change to credit policies at the end of the session, triggering a sell-off in the dollar on what players interpreted as a further signal of monetary rigour.

But just as quickly, predictions were coming in on when the next Bundesbank rate cut was likely.

The Bundesbank's chief spokesman Manfred koerber told Reuters the Bundesbank could not allow its thinking to be directed by market expectations, as monetary policy was fundamentally based on longer term

considerations.
"The Bundesbank views with concern the fact that expectations, which are heightened by apparently scientifically backed predictions, contribute to large market fluctuations and to vola-

tility," Mr. Koerber said. This was especially true when the expectations were disappointed.

One commercial banker who closely watches the Bundesbank's deliberations said one specific problem in the wave of market speculation lay in fundamental cultural differences between German economic thinking and Anglo-Saxon oriented markets.

There is a different philosophy," the banker said. The Bundbank, especially, thought in a longer-term dimension.

Such distinctions were also true for German corporations which generally intensely dislike the sort of pressure put on their U.S. equivalents to come np with quarterly results which will satisfy their stockholders.

position on what the Bundesbank sion.

This week's speculation had partly reflected and unusually close proximity of a key money market rate to the 6.75 per cent discount rate. "But to say the Bundesbank has to act in this position is simply an interpreta-

tion," the banker said. He also said short-term thinking and individual positions were partly reflected in some predic-

"We already saw in the early 1980s in the United States that markets were dominated by the difference between market expectations of U.S. money supply data and the actual outturn. The same situation is now developing in Germany and it is intolerable,"

the banker said. Hung Tran, chief executive of Deutsche Bank Research, said: 'Market reactions are a factor which the Bundesbank as well as any central bank has to take into consideration when deciding poli-

But at the bottom line, the July 29 decision had shown markets that the Bundesbank's top priority was fighting inflation, Mr. Tran said. Operators would possibly become more caurious about guessing what the central bank might do.

Bundesbank Director Otmar Issing made clear Friday that German interest rates were still headed lower. The only open question was when the central bank would see the next opportunity to relax monetary policy.

"In the current situation in west Germany, in the recession, the direction of monetary policy moves is pre-set. Open is when and at what time we take the The commercial banker said relevant steps." Mr. Issing said in his bank like others had to hold a an interview with German televi-

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 29, 1993

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A brilliant day to use logical reason-ing that is the result of Moon trine Mars and Jupiter and to enjoy an especially positive time with com-panions you like most. Keep the standards by which you were

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You find matters pertaining one at or from a distance and disappointing while at the same time you see ways to get more respect in your

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Communications are at the centre of your activities, those that have been long standing are difficult but new types of messages can be well

GEMINE: (May 21 to June 21) Your practical affairs that the spotlight even though it is Sunday but don't rake up old issues now but get into more current obligations. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Think about what you can do to bring your personal activities up to date and don't hold on so closely to outdated, worn out conditions.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A plan of action so you can get ahead does not seem to be working well so get together with persons who understand current means to oper-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Consider seriously the ac-

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation quaintances you see today and make sure they are those who are aware of what your personal longings actually are.

> LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Whatever your public interests today make sure that you approach them from a different stant, put behind you doing them the very

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Forget those old concerns and be off to places where you can get a lofty understanding of how to the times.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Don't get into or conduce an argument with attachment that leads nowhere but consider your present financial condition to have all the best.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You can heve a diffi-cult day if you allow yourself to dwell upon negative conditions but by organising your efforts you can gain success.

AQUARRUS: (January 21 to February 19) Don't let a friend interfere in some good work you wish to do today but instead get off with a close attachment who cares for you, be happy.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Long time pleasures would not do for you what you wish and you would be wise to get in some interests that have more colour, beauty in them.

Peanuts

budget plans.















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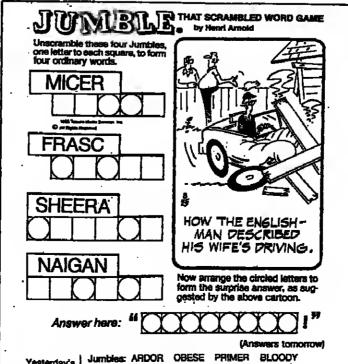


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THE BETTER HALF By Glasbergen GLASBERGEN "If your boss was any kind of manager, there wouldn't be so much

backstabbing in your office!"



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The BIS's Basle committee,

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In a circular published in local newspapers Friday, the central bank asked the country's 47 national and foreign banks to supply it with quarterly reports outlining their capital, shareholders equities, assets, profits, and other details relating to their financial position.

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ABU DHABI (AFP) - Saudi Arabia, under pressure to cut its budget deficit, hopes steady growth in world crude demand will revive its past oil boom, Gulf-based diplomats and bankers said Friday.

"The Saudis realise oil remains the lifeline of their economy although they have made progress in diversification," a Western

diplomat said. "I have met some Saudi officials, who voiced optimism about the future. They are predicting a sharp increase in the kingdom's income in the next years as a result of an expected rise in its oil output to meet world demand." Despite austerity measures,

Saudi Arabia has suffered from a persistent budget deficit since 1983 due to a sharp fall in oil prices and production. The New York Times last week cited a secret report by the Inter-

national Monetary Fund advising Riyadh to eut the deficit, which stood at \$8 billion in 1992 and was projected at \$7.4 billion in 1993.

bank reforms in the UAE were also triggered by the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, of which 77 per ceat is owned by the UAE emirate of Abu Dhabt. More than one million BCCI depositors have yet to be compensated as alleged massive fraud has

demand to boost income "Saudi Arabia is really facing problems but they can be over-come given its huge oil reserves and the expected increase in its income when demand picks up in the next period," a Gull-hase

> Optimistie estimates say demand for OPEC oil would rise by around 10 million barrels per day (b/d) to more than 35 million b/d by the year 2000.

economic expert said.

'Assuming the Saudis produce between 10 million and 11 million b/d by the year 2000, their earnings will rise to between \$65 billion and \$72 hillion at prices of \$18 a barrel," an economic expert said. 'This is an increase of more than 50 per cent of their current annual income, I think this is more than enough for the kingdom to ease the pressure on the budget and settle the deht."

Saudi Arabia's oil income ranged between \$10 billion and \$46 billion annually in the past eight years against more than \$100 billion in 1981, when it produced 12 million b/d.

Algerian prime minister faces daunting dual task

By John Baggaley Reuter

ALGIERS - Piecing together Algeria's third government in two years of crisis, Prime Minister Redha Malek faces a daunting race to transform a debtburdened economy and end instability and daily killings.

"Algeria is all right to pay its debts this year, despite the drop in oil prices, but next year could bring problems it can well do without," said one European economic expert.

Kiek-starting a moribund eco-nomy is seen by many as the key to helping end the violence blamed on Muslim fundamentalists who find ready recruits among disenchanted jobless youngsters.
"The killing seems to be get-

ting worse and unless they can provide some hope for the future, work and bousing, it won't go away," said a Western diplomat. Lir. Malek has as little room to manoeuvre as his predecessor Be-

laid Abdesselam but is less bound by the ideology of nearly 30 years of socialist centralised management. Diplomats suggest be has three possible options. -- Rescheduling foreign debt via the Paris Club, after rebuild-

ing bridges, apparently damaged by Mr. Abdesselam, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

--- An even more draconian clampdown on imports,

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- Reaching separate agree-ment with the IMF to tide the country over until 1996.

Foreign debt of some 25 billion blamed for most of Algeria's woes, highlighted by long bread queues and rotting rubbish lying uncollected in Algiers because of broken vehicles.

Servicing the debt takes about \$9 billion a year out of \$11 billion in exports of oil and gas which bring in over 90 per cent of all foreign carnings. Former treasury Minister

Ahmed Benbitour blamed the debt structure, much of it sbortterm, for holding an intrinsically wealthy nation of 26 million people hostage to misfortune.

Writing of "lessons for the future," he said recently that in three years from 1989 and 1991, Algeria repaid \$25.2 billion equivalent to its total debt, which remained undented.

Official figures last June put repayments in the next three years at \$17 billion principal plus \$6 billion in interest.

The crunch years are just too soon. From 1996, Algeria's gas expons will jump when a pipeline to Europe comes on stream.

The target, with most of the gas already sold in advance, is 60 billion cubie metres a year, double the present figure and earning the country more than another \$3 billion annually. "Algeria is an ideal case for

rescheduling. One of the main arguments against rescheduling is

whether the country will be bener able to pay its debts in a few years time. For Algeria, there is no question, " said a Western economic expert.

Successive governments have opposed rescheduling, saying it undermined sovereignty and gave foreigners unaware of local social problems power to impose unrealistic conditions.

Rescheduling is not formally on Mr. Malek's agenda but "the head of government remains open 10 all possible economie options, as long as these options do not threaten the interests and sovereignty of the country," the official news agency APS quoted an authoritative source as saying this week.

Algeria's main creditors are France, Japan, Italy and the United States. Diplomats see little fresh money or credit coming without marked advance in political and economic reform.

Speeding up moves to demoeracy promised reforms leading to a free market liberal economy. It was derailed when a general election fundamentalists looked set to win was scrapped in 1991.

An even greater hold-down on imports would do little to help moves to such an economy. Imports have already fallen from some \$12 billion in the late 1980s to around \$9 billion, crippling struggling industry, much operating about 50 per cent capacity because of shortages of spares machinery and raw materials.

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Redha Malek Further collapse would throw more people out of work unemployment is already at more than 20 per cent — and fuel an

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Devaluation, spread over say two years under an agreement with the IMF, would also throw people out of work but it would reduce an inflation and make industry more competitive," said one diplomat. "It would see them through until 1996 without res-

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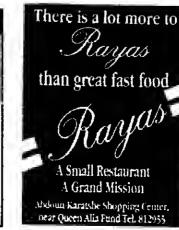


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Azeri refugees flee towards Baku

BE'LAGAN. Azerbaijan (Agencies) — About 200,000 refugees are fleeing ethnic strife in sonthwestern Azerbaijan and large numbers may spill over into Iran if Armenian forces block their escape, Western officials

say. U.N. officials said Friday they believed the refugees were moving eastwards along the Iranian frontier and up dusty roads towards the Azeri capital Baku.

Aid agencies say tens of thousands could start pouring into Iran, over the Araks River which marks the frontier, if the Armenians succeed in cutting off southern Azerbaijan.

Iran, with a large ethnic Azeri population of its own, does not want to import trouble and has séveral times protested against what it calls Armenian aggression near its borders.

: A five-year Azeri-Armenian struggle for control of disputed Nagorno-Karahakh has spilled over the borders of that territory, with Armenians capturing large tracts in Azerhaijan itself.

For many Azeris, war, chaos and suffering have made a mockery of a referendum scheduled for Sunday on confidence in President Ahulfez Elcibey, who fled his capital two months ago to escape an armed insurrection.

But local officials in Beylagan, bordering the southern front, played down difficulties of organising the poll in a town whose 53,000 population has been swelled by 80,000 refugees.

· They also expressed no doubts about the legitimacy of a vote in such conditions.

"We'll just put voting urns out on the road where there are refugee camps. Everyone will be able to vote. And people are so filled with rage against Elcibey for letting the war get to this stage that I have no doubt of the result." said Vagif Akhmedov, deputy head of Beylagan District Administration.

The refugees themselves, huddled among huge piles of hrightly coloured bedding between trees or ramshackle lorries, bave nothing to say about polices. Some spit at the ground when they hear Elcibey's name. Some shrug or mutter obscenities.

Most politely hear out the question and then resume a lament closer to their hearts: "The police say go and die somewhere else. Where are we to go? We have nowhere left to run.

Sume refugees have trudged to within 80 kilometres of Baku's outskirts hat police are stopping them short of the overcrowded capital. Thousands of homeless fleeing fighting in the southwest are camping on the road leading from the war zone, most with no food or water.

The Azerhaijani Defence Ministry said heavy fighting was continuing around the southwestern village of Gyulyabird, Russia's ITAR-TASS news agency reported. It said Armenian army units were trying to capture both Gyulyabird and another village, where there is now bloody fight-

ing."
"If Gyulyabird falls ...th. way to the road leading to the regunal capital of Gubatly will be open to the enemy". TASS quoted De-

Armenian authorities in. Nagomo-Karabakh accused the

Azeri side in turn of attacking their forces to the south. They said two Karabakh soldiers bad been blown up by a mine, while a father and son had been killed in the Krasnoselsk border region of Armenia Thursday when an Azeri shell hit their car.

Meanwhile, Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Fri-day Iran will be receiving U.N. relief aid for refugees fleeing Azerbaijan's conflict with Arme-

Also, Iran has sent more troops to its northwest border region because of the large numbers of refugees congregating there, according to a Tehran Radio broadcast monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp.
The hroadcast claimed some

50,000 refugees were now along the Iranian border. The report did not say how many more Iranian troops had been sent to the

IRNA, monitored in Cyprus, said Hitoshi Mise, head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Tehran, promised relief aid for the refugees on a visit Thursday to the

The report did not say how many refugees had fled to Iran. Mr. Mise was quoted as saying the UNHCR would provide only for those refugees already in Iran.

Iran says refrigees have been entering the country in recent days. Armenian forces recently pushed through southern Azerder, capturing a key town and encircling several others.

IRNA quoted an unidentified Iranian official as saying "the refugees are in dire need of substantial assistance."

More than 15,000 people have been killed in the five-year war between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian-inhabited enclave inside predominantly Muslim Azer-

Iran has warned Armenia that it would not remain "indifferent" to a further Armenian advance nside Azerbaijan.

On Saturday, Anatolian News Agency said Turkey is to launch another diplomatic initiative to try to halt Armenian thrusts into Azeri territory.

It quoted Ozdem Sanberk. undersecretary at the Turkish Foreign Ministry, as saying on his return from a visit to Baku that Turkey would contact Russia, Georgia and Iran to discuss a possible joint state nent demanling an Armenia withdrawal from occupied Az i land.

Mr. Sanberk re-terated that Turkey had no plans to intervene militarily in the Azeri-Armenian

"But Turkey will never accept the breach of international law. Nor will the countries of the region. Sooner or later Armenia will pay the price. We want it to pay soon," he said. Prime Minister Tansu Ciller is

expected to discuss the Azeri-Armenian conflict during a visit to Russia next month.

Buthelezi threatens to quit if his party joins S. African elections

ULUNDI, South Africa (Agencies) - Chief Mangosutbu Buthelezi threatened Saturday to quit as leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) should his Zulu-based movement decide to participate in South Africa's plan-

ned election. Mr. Buthelezi strongly rejected participating in the country's first non-racial poll, scheduled for April 27, telling as congress of the IFP youth that he would "seriously consider" his position as IFP president should the party decide to contest the election.

"I will not, I repeat, I wil not participate in an election for a Consotuent Assembly," Mr. Buhelezi said at the conference held in Ulundi, the capital of his powerbase Kwazulu homeland.

The IFP is planning to hold a special conference later this year to decide its strategy for the proposed elections.

Mr. Buthelezi said the IFP's bitter rival African National Congress (ANC) planned to use next year's elections to gain a majority in the Constituent Assembly so that the hlack nationalist movement could draft a final constitution in its favour.

In this effort the ANC bad President Frederik De Klerk's white minority government "safely tucked in their back pocket," Mr. Buthelezi said.

He also gave his hy now routine warning of civil war should the IFP's demands for strong federal government be

ignored.
"I say to you today that I will not lead any fight in an election to become part of the proceedings which I know are going inevitably

to lead to civil war. The government and the ANC

support a two-stage transition process in which joint executive councils level the playing field prior to the election for a Constituent Assembly which would draw up a final constitution.

The IFP wants a one-step process that would see the present unelected multi-party forum draw up a final constitution which would be tested by a referendum before final elections.

Meanwhile ANC President Nelson Mandela said the African National Congress may call for lifting all remaining economic sanctions against South Africa in

the uext 17 days.

He said the decision could come before Sept. 13, when parliament is scheduled to begin a special session.

Japan coalition agrees on reform

TOKYO (R) — Japan's ruling coalition parties have agreed on a set of political reforms, one of the main tasks facing the government of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, Japanese newspapers reported Saturday.

The set of reform bills will be submitted to the extraordinary Diet session which is expected to meet next month, news reports

Government officials could not be reached for comment. The coalition government has

pledged to implement political reforms this year. The reform package calls for

abolishing corporate donations to individual politicians. But corporate douations to

poliocal parties will be allowed to continue for the time being. Coalidou parties agreed to review corporate donations to political parties in five years in defer-

core member of the multi-party coalition - which urged a total

ence to the Socialist Party - a

To help make up for the loss in campaign funds, the coalition parties proposed public financing of election campaigns.

Under the draft proposal, each citizen would be called to shoulder 500 yen (\$4) — which would add up to about 60 billion yen (\$576 milliou) nationwide — to help pay for election campaigns.

They also agreed to replace the House of Representatives' multiseat constituency with a combinatiou of 250 single-seat districts and 250 seats through proportional representation.

Under the new electoral system, voters would cast two votes. One would be cast for an individual candidate in the voter's single-seat constituency and another for a party in a nation-

Under the existing multiseat electoral system, as many as five seats may be allocated to an electoral district.

This has often meant candidates from the same party ended up competing against each other. The system has been blamed as a major reason for Japan's money polides.

Mr. Hosokawa, who was elected prime minister this month, has said be will stake his political future ou pushing

through political reforms. The coalition government formed this month, put an end to 38 years of unbroken rule by the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). The LDP is generally credited

for having brought about Japan's economic revival after World War II, but it was also tainted by a spate of corruption scandals involving leading party members that has discuchanted many Japanese voters.

Jackson probe focusing on blackmail claims

LOS ANGELES (R) - Los Angeles police are investigating allegations by aides to superstar Michael Jackson that the father of the boy who accused Jackson of molesting him had tried to blackmail the singer, an official close to the case said Friday.

Jackson's representatives have contended that the sex-abuse claims grew out of a botched extortion plot. The official said the entertainer's aides were now directly accusing the boy's father. a wealthy Beverly Hills dentist. The aides, according to the

official, allege that the man sought Jackson's participation in a \$20 million film production deal and when the entertainer turned him down, threatened to go public with allegations of molesta-

an interview with KCAL-TV, a teenage Australian boy said the entertainer told him by phone he was upset about the scandal and that "people were just trying to get money from him or blackmail him."

Anthony Pellicano, Jackson's security consultant, said Jackson's camp did not report the alleged extortion attempt to police earlier because he was stringing the blackmailers along

to get information from them. -But the television station cited sources saying that before the controversy became public, Jackson's staff, while denying the sex allegations, had offered to pay the father \$350,000 to keep quite. The man is said to have rejected

:As the embattled singer emerged from seclusion to re-Friday, officials said police had so far uncoverd no physical evideuce to support filing criminal charges

The superstar, who had isolated himself in a Bangkok, hotel suite for two days complaining of dehydracion, returned to a widely enthusiastic reception by 70,000 screaming fans packed into Thailand's National Stadium.

Elizabeth Taylor, Jackson's close friend, boarded a Singapore-bound plane Friday to be at his sid for his next concert stop over the weekend. Pop star Janet Jackson was reported to be planging a trip

next week to join her brother on tour in Asia. Police opened a criminal investigation on Aug 17 after the boy. in a therapy session arranged by

his father, alleged he was sexualy month relationship. According to the case file from the Department of Children's Services, the therapist who reported the allegations said the

father brought the boy to birn after "negotiations with Mr. Jackson's attorneys were not successful" in reaching a settlement. The father is known as the "dentist to the stars" and has close des to Holywood, recently receiving a credit for a screen-

Mr. Pellicano told KCAL-TV he expected the investigation to be over within a week and was certain Jackson would be exoner-

At least two other young boys questioned by police bave been shown on television admitting they sometimes slept in the same sume his concert tour in Bangkok bed as Jackson hut insisting that be never molested them.



Pop star Michael Jackson performs in Bangkok Friday

Meanwhile Jackson swooped into the normally staid island-state of Si gapore Saturday for another stop ou his world tour. Tour Organisers said Jackson

arrived at Singapore's Changi Airport from Thailand. Jackson's first performance in Singapore Sunday has been sold out, with 45,000 people expected to attend. Some tickets still remain for the Monday show.

Jackson spent bis last hours in Bangkok leading 150 Royal Thai Air Force Academy cadets around a field in a silent parade. The march will eventually be put to music and used in a video,

Jackson aides said. Jackson is expected to come to South Korea uext month to visit

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the Taejon World Expo '93, news reports said Saturday.

State radio said Jackson wanted to visit the exhibitou in Tacjon, 85 kilometres south of

Scoul. A government official said they were not aware of Jackson's reported plans. "But if he wants to visit Expo, we can't stop him,"

the official said. Earlier this month the Ministry of Culture rejected an application to include South Korea on Jack-

son's Dangerous world tour. Performances were forbidden because it was said they would exert a negative influence on society. The United States has urged South Korea to reconsider its refusal but the government

official said there was no change.

U.N. suspends sanctions against Haiti

UNITED NATIONS (R) - The democratically elected president, U.N. Security Council suspended sanctions against the impoverished Caribbean nation of Haiti. with diplomats saying oil was expected to reach the country again within a week.

The suspension takes effect immediately but the embargo on oil. arms and financial assets can be re-imposed if an agreement to restore democracy is violated.

Sanctions are not expected to be lifted permanently until after exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returns home, scheduled for Oct. 30.

Friday's vote on the resolution, one of the few ever to lift sanctions, was adopted by a unanimous 15-0 vote. The White House immediately

hailed the Security Council action and said the Treasury Department would suspend trade restricoons and move towards unfreezing Haiti's bank accounts in the United States.

Mr. Aristide, a Roman Catholic priest and the country's first was ousted in a military coup in September 1991.

Under a U.N.-brokered July 3 peace plan signed by Mr. Aristide and General Raoul Cedras, the military commander who overthrew him, the embargo was to be suspended once a new prime minister took office.

Mr. Aristide's choice, businessman Robert Malval, has been oved by pa be inaugurated Monday in Washington where Mr. Aristide is in exile.

Haiti's ambassador, Fritz States. Longchamp, told reporters the military would have never agreed to relinquish power without the sanctions, damaging as they were to the country's economy.

"I don't think it was too high a price to pay," he said, "I think it is the only thing that has gotten the military to the bargaining

But he warned that "people

of Aristide and orged the council to remain vigilant.

Five days ago someone was executed because he was putting up a poster of Aristide," he said, The worldwide sanctions were imposed on June 16 and went into effect a week later.

"We knew that imposing sanctions would sent a clear and unequivocal message to those who would extinguish the demotheir own nation to collapse, said Security Council President Madeleine Albright of the United

Washington hopes to move quickly in getting reconstruction aid for Haiti in a move to stabilise the country whose citizens were streaming into the United States

by the thousands since the coup. The United States will continue to play a leadership role in the international community's programme of support and assistance for the democratisation of inside and outside" the military Haiti," the White House said in a were trying to sabotage the return statement.

Father of Clinton's top military nominee said to be SS officer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The father of Gen. John Shalikashvili, President Bill Clinton's nominee to command the nadou's military, served in a Nazi Waffen SS unit during World War II, archive

documents show. A White House spokesman said Gen. Shalikashvili's father's history was not relevant to his appointment. The Pentagon said Gen. Shalikashvili, who was in Washington but was preparing to return to Brussels where he is NATO commander, did not want to comment on the documents

Wiesenthal centre. According to his own writings, Dimitri Shalikashvili appears to have collaborated with the Nazis almost from the start of the war in hopes that the Germans would defeat the Soviets and thus free his uative Georgia from Com-

found by the Nazi-hunting Simon

munist rule.

It was not immediately clear whether the White House knew details of the late Shalikashvili's wartime service when his son was nominated earlier this month to succeed Gen. Colin Powell as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"It was certainly known that his father served in the German army," said an administration official Friday who spoke ou condition of anonymity.
In any case, said White House

spokeswoman Ricki Seidman. his record stands on its own and his father's history is not re-

Armed Services Committee, which must confirm Gen. Shalikashvili's nomination, reaffirmed their support for the four-star general who for the past year has the Waffen SS. "We wore our memoirs."

Lamy, who was the president of the Commercial National Bank in Peoria, Ill., according to bis memoirs.

served as commander of NATO. "We don't think he should be judged on the basis of what his father did," agreed Rabbi Marvin Heir, director of the Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Centre which found Shalikashvili's unpublished memories in the archives of Stanford University's Hoover Institu-

Word of the documents' contents was first made public Friday by the newsletter Defence Daily. Gen. Shalikashvili's father was born in what is now the indepen-

dent state of Georgia hut had moved to Poland and become a high-ranking officer in the Polish army by the time the Nazis invaded Poland in September 1939. In his autobiography, which he started writing in 1956 and which was partly translated from Russian by his wife in 1966, the elder Shalikashvili wrote of briefly

mans and then released. He remained in Warsaw with his wife, who had wealthy German relatives, and appears to bave enjoyed a comfortable lifestyle in the midst of the war — a fact that, along with other de-scriptions in the book, indicates he was collaborating with the Nazi occupiers of Poland, said

being taken prisoner by the Ger-

Rabbi Hier. In January 1943, Shalikashvib joined the Georgian Legion formed by Georgian expatriates to fight with the Nazis against the Soviets. He was almost immediately shipped off to Norman-Several members of the Senate dy where his cavalry remained. until after the allied invasion in

June 1944.

Waffen SS uniforms with the respective colours of our national formations" - meaning, in his case, of the Georgian Legiou, wrote Sbalikashvili, who held the rank of major.

which was the most trusted arm of Adolf Hitler's army, committed the worst atrocities of the war hut it was uot clear wbether Shalikashvili's unit was involved in any of them. "He was an ardent Georgian nationalist, but he doesn't seem

to have been a Nazi hy convic-

tion," said Olga Dunlop, an archivist at the Hoover Institu-

tion who has read much of the

Some units of the Waffen SS.

collection donated by Shalikashvili's widow in 1980. In 1944, concerned that the Soviets were advancing on Poland and would seek retribution against anti-Communists, Shalikashvili moved his wife and three children from Warsaw to Berlin, where John went to school in

1944 aud 1945. John was born in 1936 and was 9 years old when the war ended. When the war ended, Shalikashvili was taken prisoner by the British, released in 1946 and moved with his family to a small town in Germany where his wife's family lived.

The elder Shalikashvili said he wanted to emigrate to the United States but bad to get an affidavit from a sponsor who could youch for the fact that he had not collaborated with the Nazis.

In 1952 be got such a sworn statement from a cousin, George Luthy, who was the president of

Doctors amputated woman's leg in false cancer scare

LONDON (AFP) - A young physical education student is to sue doctors who amputated her right leg after wrongly diagnosing the presence of a cancer tumour in her knee. Lawyers for Vicki Hunter, 20 said late Friday she was to sue the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham, central Britain, for negligence. The hospital is at the centre of a growing scandal since it emerged Friday that hospital staff had wrongly diagnosed 42 people for cancer. Ms. Hunter was first diagnosed as having a tumour in her right knee by a bospital in Leeds, northern Britain which then sent her to Birmingham for treatment where cancer was confirmed. She was given numerous doses of chemotherapy and had her right leg amputated above the knee. According to her lawyers, Ms. Hunter was informed at the beginning of the week that "a misdiagnosis had occurred and therefore the majority if not all of her treatment had been unnecessary." Almost 1,800 people in and around Birmingham will have to undergo a fresh series of cancer screenings after the hospital made 42 false diagnoses during earlier tests, a health official has said. The 42 people, many of them children, either received treatment for bone cancer they did not have - including chemotherapy or operations - or were told they were cancer-free when in fact they had the disease, au inquiry into the incident

Polluting inducties closed to save Taj Mahal

NEW DELHI (AP) — The Supreme Court ordered 21 factories to close because their pollutants are dimming the Taj Mahal's hister. Sulfur fames from foundries and smoke from private power generators in the industrial belt near the city of Agra have dulled the white marble of the Taj, a 17th century tomb built by a Mogul emperor for his wife. The court said the offending industries failed to respoud to uotices demanding that they install pollution control devices, news agencies reported. Air samples taken around the Taj, 120 miles (195 kilometres) south of New Delhi, were found to contain as much aseight times the permissible quantities of suspended particles. The court's order was effective immediately. The closure of the factories will throw thousands of people out of work. The inner dome of the tomb blackened from candles that devout Muslims light ou the graves of Emperor Shah Jahan and his wife, Muntaz Mahal, who died giving birth to their 14th child.

Rabbits feast on Aberdeen pitch

ABERDEEN, Scotland (AFP) - Aberdeeu, ruuners-up to Rangers in all Scotland's major competitions last season, have now been beaten by a four-legged oppouent. Safety modifications following the Taylor report have allowed rabbits to get into the Pittodrie Stadium and eat the playing surface. Groundsman Jim Warrender has had to clear up the results of their feast with a brush and shovel every day.

Tenacious, crippled 6 beggar jailed for four months

MACAO (AP) - A crippled beggar from China who entered Macao illegally three times this year and moved about on a skateboard-like contraption has been jailed for four months. In passing the sentence Thursday, the district court in this Portuguese colony warned that others like Zhang Shaolin would suffer similar punishment. Zhang, a 30-year-old polio victim, was believed to bave entered Macao hy ferry from neighbouring China. He had been caught twice before, given a suspended sentence and deported. Newspaper reports said beggars in Macao can make about \$6 a day, far more than in

Wrong house demolished MANILA (AP) - Over the pro-

tests of the owner, workmen duti-fully demolished a bouse on orders of a court. Trouble was, it was the wrong house. Jose More- : no filed criminal and administrative charges against Judge Ben-jamin Pelayo and Deputy Sheriff Mario Tamag for allegedly ordering the "unauthorised" demolition of his house in July 1992. Iu his complaint, Mr. Moreno said the crews had a court order to tear down the house of Marietta Villamil because it had been built on property she did not own and without a building permit. But the court order apparently had the wrong address, Mr. Moreno said. Mr. Moreno's father, Juan Moreno, a lawyer, said in the motion that the judge should have listened to the 'vehement protests" of his son and held. hearings to verify the address.

were sent to supervise elections in May. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali recommended extension of the U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia mandate if a new government has not

Japan, Russia fail to set summit date

been established by Sept. 15.

4 Khmer Rouge generals defect

PHNOM PENH (Agencies) — Four Khmer Rouge generals defected from the radical faction as the bead of the U.N. military

force in Cambodia claimed the guerrillas no longer had a reason

to exist. Minister of Information Khieu Kanharith said Friday the

four generals, who were identified as Leu Ponch, Srey Nan, Tep Phum and Pin Dy, defected following the new United Cambodian

Armed Forces' attack on the radical faction's bases in northwest Cambodia. The attacks in the northwest were part of a nationwide

offensive to cut off the guerrilla's supply lines and capture their

logistics bases. U.N. force commander Lieutenant General John

Sanderson said the government offensive, the largest military

operation mounted since 1989, came in response to the Khmer

Rouge "adopoing a threatening posture." Meanwhile the U.N. Security Council said all U.N. military personnel will be with-

drawn from Cambodia by Nov. 15, but the civilian U.N. missiou

will continue until a new government is installed in September.

U.N. troops are already pulling out of Cambodia, where they

TOKYO (R) - Senior Japanese and Russian officials failed to set a date for Russian President Boris Yeltsin's visit to Japan after two days of talks which ended Saturday, Kyodo News Service said. The Russian delegation, headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Kunadze, also declined to make concessions on a sensitive territorial issue and the talks ended without major progress, Kyodo said. Foreign Ministry officials were unavailable for comment. Mr. Yeltsin has postponed a visit to Japan twice in the past year. The new Japanese government renewed calls Friday for Russia to quickly return the Kuril Islands, off northern Japan. echoing initiatives of the previous cabinet in the decades old territorial dispute, officials said. "Discussion shouldn't go backward," Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata told Mr. Kudnaze. referring to talks on the islands seized by the former Soviet Union at the end of World War II, officials said. "We must advance the talks," Mr. Hata, also vice prime minister, told Mr. Kudnaze.

Strike paralyses Nigerian capital

LAGOS (AFP) — Lagos looked like a ghost town Saturday, on the first day of an indefinite civil disobedience campaign launched by Nigeria's Central Trade Union Organisation. The Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) said the unelected interim government led by Ernest Shonekan was unconstitutional and in protest called for an "indefinite" civil disobedience campaign to begin at midnight Friday. However it was impossible Saturday morning to tell whether the streets were empty in response to the NLC's call or whether, like all last Saturdays of the month, Nigerians were off the streets because they were consigned at home until midday to help with cleaning streets and removing garbage. The strike also hit operations at Nigerian airport. Some domestic flights were cancelled and the Civil Aviation Authorities decided to suspeud ground operations at Lagos Airport between 9 p.m. (2000 GMT) and 7 a.m. (0600 GMT). The effect on international flights was not clear. Members of the National Union of Air Transport Service Employees (NUATSE) began the strike Saturday morning as part of the trade union campaign to make the authorities recognise the results of a presidendal election annulled in June.

Remains of U.S. plane found in Armenia

MOSCOW (R) - Fragments of a U.S. military aircraft shot down during an intelligence mission over Soviet territory in 1958 have been found in western Armenia, the Russian, News Agency (ITAR-TASS) said. TASS quoted a U.S. official as saying a search would continue for up to 11 missing Americans who were among the aircraft's 17 crew. It said residents of the village of Sasunashen, near Talin, led U.S. diplomats to the crash site after the U.S. embassy in Yerevan appealed for information about the aircraft. U.S. experts visited the region and Loma Berg, a sister of one of the plane's crew, recognised a metal trinket found at the site which belonged to her brother Archie, the agency said. TASS reported that a senior officer of the U.S. search team. Lieutenant-Colonel Nicholas Trojan, said the bodies of six crew were handed over by Soviet authorities at the time. But those of another 11 men aboard the aircraft had never been traced, and they were still

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MADRID (AFP) - Spanish club Sevilla has fined Diego

Maradona between \$3 and \$3.5 million dollars for behaviour

detrimental to the club, said Madrid publication AS on Friday.

Maradona, sacked by Sevilla June 29, is now back in his native

Argentina. One of football's greatest ever player, who lifted the

World Cup for Argentina seven years ago, has been accused of

behaviour detrimental to the image of the club, hindering their

chances of a UEFA cup place. The article said the huge fine may

be because of Sevilla's financial problems as they still owe Dutch company Septor holding money from their purchase of Maradona

Sports doping experts in biggest ever conference

LONDON (AFP) — Over 200 delegates from 60 countries will

attend the Fourth World Conference on Sports Doping next

month in the biggest meeting of experts on the subject ever assembled. From September 5 to 8 they will discuss progress

being made in the anti-doping movement, how to establish an effective programme and how to develop international co-

operation. The princess royal of Britain will deliver the keynote

address September 6. Other speakers will include Prince Alexan-

dre de Merode of the International Olympic Committee's Medical

Commission, former olympic 400 metres hurdles champion Ed

Moses, Professor Weng Qingzhang from China and James Tolliver of the American Drug Enforcement Agency.

Kankkunen heads top trio in 1000 Lakes Raily

JYVASKYLA, Finland (AFP) - Finns Juha Kankkunen and Ari

Vatanen and Frenchman Didier Auriol were battling out at the top of the leaderboard Friday after the first day of the 1,000 Lakes

Rally. The trio were just 9 seconds apart, triple world champion

Kankkunen (Toyota) leading Teammater Auriol (Toyota) by seven and Vatanen (Subaru) a more two behind him. Those positions came after fifteen stages, as the drives' peaked at speeds

of up to 200km/h along the nine tracks. Marku Alen could also

have been a threat, but the six-time winner of the event crashed

out on the first special stage. The Finnish Subaru driver left the

road and his car, with a broken radiator, was in no state to carry

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium (R) — World eham-pionship leader Alain Prost established bis supremacy again

Saturday when he overhauled Williams team-mate Damon Hill to

take pole position for Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix. The

Frenchman, who leads the drivers' title race by 27 points from his

old Brazilian rival Ayrton Senna, recorded a new qualifying lap

record time of one minute and 47.571 on the high-speed

6.974-kms Spa-Francorchamps Circuit. Prost eclipsed Hill's best

time from Friday, which had earned him provisional pole, early in

the session and then improved his time in the final minutes to

English police uncover new hooligan weapon

LONDON (AFP) - English football hooligans have added

marine distress flares to their growing armoury, police revealed

Friday. Six pocket-sized launchers have been seized and in one or

two instances the flare has been fired, according to the head of the

metropolitan police football intelligence unit. "They're not designed to be fired in the confined environment of a football

ground, so obviously it's something we're concerned about," said Chief Inspector Louisa Elliston, "Most of them come from

eastern Europe. People buy them when they're travelling abroad

and bring back to this country, where they're not easily obtainable." Until the flare discovery, the hooligans' arsenal consisted of CS gas, hammers, stanley knife blades, rice flails and

OSLO (AP) - Two of the bicycles used by the Italian team to win

the World Championship team trial race this week were stolen

from a hotel garage Friday. The Norwegian news agency NTB-

said frames from the two bicycles, which had been dismantled, and two training bikes were taken from a storage room in the

garageds of Oslo's Holmenkollen Park Hotel, where the team was

staying. The theft will not hurt the learn when World Cham-

pionship races resume Saturday because riders had planned to use

different bicycles, said the report. NTB said the two racing

frames, worth about 100,000 kroner (\$13,600), had been used by

Gianfranco Contri and Rosario Fina in their gold-medal ride as

part of the Italian time trial foursome Wednesday.

Bikes stolen from Italian cycling team

Prost takes Beigian pole

secure the 31st pole position of his career.

Maradona hit with \$3.5 million fine

from Italian club Napoli.

UEFA get tough with Olympique Marseille

GENEVA (AFP) — European football governing body UEFA got tough Friday by threatening to bypass French soccer bosses and to ban European Cup holders Olympique Marseille from this season's competition.

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A spokesman revealed a meeting of UEFA's emergency executive committee is due to go ahead people for the early next month to try and sort is first diagon. out the mess after the French champions were accused of

match-rigging. UEFA made their move after the French Football. Federation announced that disciplinary hearings into the case would not begin until September 4 — and that no had her me sanctions would be decided before the end of September.

That date is after the August 30 deadline set by UEFA for memweek that he bers to withdraw clubs from the European Champions Cup and would mean Marseille starting d been me their title defence in the first round against AEK athens September 15

go a fresh sa A UEFA spokesman said: ngs after the "For the moment, we are waiting for August 30, the date we fixed after the European Cup draws in July and when we were expecting n children i communication from the ment for bone French authorities to discover if n have -- inde Marseille is still representing France in the European Cup or or operation. y were came: iey ha i the dec wbether a replacement would be

With respect to that reply, the emergency executive committee will grasp the problem at the start ∤ind:~_{Jig} September, in conjunction with FIFA, rather than the commission for inter-club competitions or UEFA's disciplinary commission.

He said UEFA would make its rdered 21 to. position clear in an announceise their pole ment on Aug. 31.

UEFA's announcement appears to be a clear warning that fumes from he it is not ready to put up with : from prime delays in the French investigations into the affair, which began of Agra have when three Valenciennes players

accused Marseille official Jean-Pierre Bernes and player Jean-Jacques Eydelie of offering bribes

to thruw a May 20 league match. Marseille won 1-0, virtually assuring themselves of a lifth straight leagen title.

Bernes, Eydelie, Valenciennes

players Jorge Burruchaga and Christophe Robert, and Robert's wife, have since been charged with corruption, while Marseille president Bernard Tapie stands accused of trying to bribe former Valenciennes trainer Boro Primorac to take the blame for the

The French Federation Disciplinary Committee was to hear the eight leading protagonists in the case Friday but it was called off because most of those involved asked for a postponement as they can under federation

Noel Le Graet, president of the French League, may have goaded UEFA into action after claiming Marseille could not be withdrawn from the European Cup without

the agreement of his body as well. European football chiefs would certainly not want to have to ban Marseille after the competition had got underway, which could throw the final stage of the tournament into confusion and cost massive potential earnings Police meanwhile raided

Tapie's Paris offices for the fifth time in a month Friday. Police said six insepctors went to the headquarters of Bernard Tapie Finance (BTF) near the Champs Elysee to take photographs inside and outside the

Noelle Bellone, secretary general of the BTF, said "this is the fifth raid in less than a month. ft is like "showbusiness justice" and persecution.

She added she had refused to open the office of the football elub president or to cooperate with the police photographing and taking of measurements.

Witt training for her or for his with e offending ic respond to us at they instally comeback attempt ievices, news

PARIS (AP) -- Two-time Olympic champion Katarina Witt knows she bas a lot of work ahead e permissible: in ber comeback attempt.

Right now, Witt says her life

nded particle consists of "training, training, was effects: training, skating, skating, skating - and sleeping.

Witt, 27, feels her maturity and f work. It: femininity will help her in comtomb blaz petition against skaters more than hat devout le 10 years younger and technically graves of by better than Witt was in her win-

ild. "I will try to make a combined ild. Tion, and to bring in what I can bring in," Witt said. "I am older. movements are even better. Maybe I am more feminine.

That is why I am working as Scotland by bard as I can right now." runners-upsi Witt, who announced her comaland's mapic eback last January after the interseason, had national skating union agreed to by a fourt allow pros to be readmitted to afety modific Olympic competition, will have Taylor report

to finish in the top two at the

German championships in December to enter the Olympics. She and ber former coach, Jutta Mueller, returned to the training ice last April.

The German won the Olympic women's singles title in 1984 and 1988 in addition to four World Championships.

But the sport has changed since then, and Witt knows it. The top women are doing more triple jumps in competition routines than Witt ever did.

She says it is difficult to compare the generations.

"You have to see the skaters that were skating then. I was the best and that was why I won the Olympics," Witt said. "From '88 to now. I have grown up."

Her task to qualify for Lille-hammer will be difficult. Ger-mans Marina Kielmann and Tanja Szewczenko finished in the top 10 in the World Championships last match in Prague.

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

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The bidding: South West 1 NT Pass Pass Pass North East 3 NT Pass

Opening lead: King of *
Votmat Tinkinov, the Russian emigre, considered himself an unlucky player. Other club members were of the view that be would do better if he gave some thought to the play before flying up with the first card he could lay his hands on, but there was no way to curb Votmai's impetuosity.

The modern tendency is to open one no trump with a balanced hand. even though one suit is unstopped, and the Russian was nothing if oot

ou courant with the latest methods. North showed a keen appreciation of the value of two aces and a six-card suit by leaping all the way to

west led the king of spades, and to Votmai the hand was a piece of cake. He shot up with the ace, led a club to the king and the fact thet East discarded a diamond didn't phase him in the least. Only after cashing the queen and ace of clubs and finding himself forced to win the fourth club in hand did declarer. the fourth club in hand did declarer realize his predicament. Two clubs withered on the table, since there

withered oo the table, liner there was oo cotry to them "I should have known," muttered Volmai. "Uolucky Friday the 13th!"

Partly true, but much of South's ill fe-tune was of his own making. The fact that clubs might be blocked should have been considered, and preventative measures could have

been takeo.

Declarer should duck the first spade. Since no shift is any bettar, West might as well continue the suit (if West shifts, declarer can lead a declarer should be the shifts). second spade), and declarer should duck again. Now a club can be discarded on the ace of spades and, after winning the third club with the table's ace, three more club tricks are freed for the taking.

Christie, Jackson defeated in Berlin IAAF sponsor ordered to pay Reynolds

BERLIN (Agencies) -- Sprint king Linford (Thristic was the prize head to fall at the Berlin Grand Prix athletics meeting Friday as one world champion after another took a beating.

li was the perfect night for revenge as the hig names failed to rediscover the golden sparkle of Stuttgart, Great Britain's Christic was

forced back into third in the ItXIm, world record holder Colin Jackson could do no better and long jumper Heike Drechsler was outshone for once.

There was also defeat for graceful Cuban high-jumper star loamnet Quintero.

Even the lure of \$255,000 worth of gold bars — 10 be shared among athletes winning at the big four meetings of Oslo, Zurich, Here and Brussels September 3 - could not bring out the best in some athletes.

But their disappointments were balanced by wins for Algerian Noureddine Morceli and the indestructible American Michael Johnson -- both right on course for their share in the booty on

Christie had only been beaten once this season before Berlin --and the same man did it again. American Leroy Burrell, who failed to make the U.S. world championships 100m team for Stungari, won in 10.12, while Jon Drummond, who split Christic and Lewis earlier in the year at Gateshead, came second in

Christie, who looked sluggish out of the blocks, fought back in the second half of the race but could not quite close the gap, despite finishing in the same time as Drummond.

Jackson, who stunned Stuttgart with a world record on his way to gold, also failed to lift his spirits. This time he could only finish third behind friend and rival Mark McKoy and world bronze medallist Jack Pierce.

McKoy, who took the 1991 world crown, missed the championships because he refused to return to Canada for the national trials, arguing he should be selected automatically,

Morceli, who only appeared at the World championships after a last-minute u-turn over his claims



Butch Reynolds

athletics chiefs had paid appearance money to a selected few, was in sparkling form.

He looked certain of breaking Steve Cram's record of 3:46,32, as he had predicted he would, and was almost three seconds up at one stage and still well within schedule with 150m to go. Inexplicably however, he tried

to finish in 3:46.78, followed home by Abdi Bile, who won bronze at Stuttgart. American Johnson, fresh from

his individual and relay golds in Germany after moving up from 200m, stormed to victory again, flirting with Butch Reynolds' world tecord of 43.29 despite the cold conditions to end on 43.94.

Another athlete chasing the billion is Mozambique's first women world champion, who repeated her Stuttgart feat by winning the 800m in 1157.99 ahead of Russia's Svetlana Masterkova.

For those with something to prove, there was a prime performance from Jackie Joyner-Kersee, the American heptathicie world champion who ducked out of his long jump at Stuttgart but returned here to beat Drech-

Other performances of note came from Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan, who got back to winning form in the women's 5,000m although sceptics noted there wasn't a Chinese athlete in site to thwart her this time - and Mer-

lene Ottey of Jamaica. She won the 100m in front of Irina Privalova, the blonde Russian, although that would have been no consolation for losing the World Championship gold medal in a photo-finish to Gail Devers.

Mobil to pay Reynolds

In Alexandria, Virginia world 400-metres record holder Butch Reynolds won another battle with international athletics authorities over a disputed drug ban when a U.S. judge Friday ordered a ma-jor sponsor of the spon to pay the runner nearly \$700,000. Federal Magistrate W. Curtis

Sewell ordered Mobil Corporation to pay Reynolds \$691,667 that it owed to the International Amateur Athletie Federation (IAAF) under Mobil's sponsorship contract with the sport's international governing body.

Reynolds' suit in the United States district court in Alexandria, Virginia, was part of an attempt to collect the \$27.3 million judgement be won last December against the IAAF for damages resulting from his 28month suspension for failing a

1990 doping test. Reynolds has always maintained his innocence and insisted that the IAAF drug testing lab had made procedural errors in handling his urine samples.

After exhausting all his appeals with the IAAF, Reynolds brought a suit in a U.S. federal court in Columbus, Ohio, where judge Joseph Kinneary ordered the IAAF to pay him \$27.3 million in damages and penalties.

IAAF President Primo Nebiolo has insisted throughout that no court in the United States has jurisdiction over his organisation and has said repeatedly the IAAF will never pay Reynolds. Last month, Judge Kinneary ruled that his court did have jurisdic-

Attorneys for Reynolds have said they will try to collect the money from a number of U.S. corporations that sponsor LAAFsanctioned events.

Judge Sewell ordered that the \$661,667 from Mobil be held by the court pending appeal pro-

since her spectacular Wimbledon

failure, when her collapse in the

final banded Graf the title. And then there's Martina Nav-

ratilova, seeded third, the 36-

year-old certainly has the experi-

ence.

Edberg tries for Open hat-trick sbe continues her painstaking re-Jana Novotna has regrouped

FLUSHING MEADOW, New York (AFP) - The famed hustle and busile of New York has left many a tourist baffled and brutsed, and for a long time Stefan Edberg was no exception. But Ibose days are gone.

The soft-spoken Swede, who has adopted Wimbledon's London as his home and the Australian Open's Melbourne as his winter stomping grounds, is well on his way to becoming a fixture

in the big apple.

Gelting there, with back-to-back wins in the U.S. Open in 1991 and '92, wasn't easy, and staying there will be even harder. Edberg is seeded only third this year, behind one former winner. Pete Sampras, and Jim Courier, a man hungry for Grand Slam success after near misses at Wimble-

don and the French Open. Sampras claimed the world number one spot after his independence day Wimbledon vie-

and lel. on Gardens Street.

tory, finally living up to the promise of his 1990 U.S. Open title, covery from a stab wound suf-But Courier reclaimed the top fered in an attack at a tournament in Hamburg last April. spot just last week, and professed himself more ready than he has ever been to take on the Open. by world number one Steffi Graf,

Of course the top three have more than each other to worry Germany's Boris Becker, champion in 1989, unpredictable

Croatian Goran Ivanisevie, towering youngster Andre Medvedev of Ukraine and French Open champion Sergi Bruguera of Spain are all lurking in Courier's half of the draw - and that may be the easy half. The other half includes Sam-

pras, Edberg, Andre Agassi, Miehael Chang, Petr Korda and Miehael Stich.

as by who is here. Monica Seles will miss the

chance at a third straight title, as

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This year's women's singles are defined as much by who's missing

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In her absence the field is led

Her success in the past two months answers questions about her fitness, called into doubt after she complained of chronic foot pain in the wake of her Wimbledon triumph.

Graf clearly seems a cut above her challengers.

ehez Vicario of Spain still has a

game more suited to clay than the

hardcourts of flushing meadows. In Gabriela Sabatini, Graf will have an old rival to contend with, but one who has shown little fire recently. It remains to be seen if Czech

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Bosnian Croats declare their 'republic' in Bosnia

Part of U.N. convoy leaves Mostar after stand off

GRUDE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Agencies) — Representatives of the Bosnian Croats meeting here Saturday unanimously declared a "Croat republic" of Bonsia-

They previously formed a "parliament" of the 58 delegates present during discussion of the latest peace plan for carving up the war-torn nation.

Bosnian Crnal leader Mate Bohan said he hoped to increase his faction's share of Bosnia-Herzegovina envisaged under the Geneva carve-up plans, which he said was currently far too small. He said the parliament would be a transitional body pending

the bolding of elections. It will have two houses, one made up of local leaders of Baban's Croat Democratic Community Movement (HDZ) and the other of Croat deputies from the former central Bosnia-Herzegovina parliament.

The latest developments in the Balkans conflict were:

- The civilian part of a United Nations aid convoy drove out of leaving behind U.N. officials and about 70 Spanish peacekeeping

In Sarajevo, Bosnia's parliament resumed talks on the Geneva peace plan and was expected to endorse proposals by President Alija Izethegovic to continue negotiations on the division of the

- In Pale, Bosnia, Bosnian Serh military leaders faced legislators concerned about their nascent republic's safety from attack if they accept the Geneva peace

— Bosnia's warring sides are observing a lull while their poliocal leaders debate acceptance of the international peace plan for the former Yugoslav republic, Sarajevo Radio said. It reported minimal military activity during the last 24 hours in Sarajevo and other war zones.

— In Zagreb, United Nations convoys set out to take aid to Croats under siege hy Muslims in central Bosnia, a spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said.

Bosnian Croats have written to U.S. President Bill Clinton appealing for aid and saying international humanitarian efforts have belped only the Muslim victims of Bosnia's 16-month-old

The standoff in Mostar eased Saturday as civilian U.N. personnel and relief workers were allowed to leave, but military observers remained trapped in

the Muslim enclave. A convoy that had brought badly needed aid to some 55,000

Muslims besieged on the east side of Mostar has been prevented from leaving because the Muslims feared renewed attacks by rival Croats if all the U.N. personnel leave. The convoy brought in I13 relief workers and military obser-

A U.N. spokesman in Zagreb said U.N. civilians and other aid workers were allowed to leave. hul did not know bow many U.N. peacekeepers remained behind. It was also not clear whether the civilians took the 19 trucks with

Witnesses watched several United Nations vehicles leave the Muslim quarter at around 1600 (1400 GMT), with one Spanish battalion armoured personnel carrier at the front of the column and one at the rear.

Cedric Thornberry, the U.N. official on Thursday, stayed behind to try to negotiate the release of the Spanish battation soldiers and vehicles still hostage to the Muslim civilians.

Mr. Thornberry said earlier on Saturday he was trying to secure U.N. "safe area," status for Mostar as part of a deal to allow the convoy to leave.

Croat sniper fire echoed around the Muslim quarter as the vehicles drove out. One woman was killed during the morning and two other civilians injured.

Blast suspects on hunger-strike

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Nine nf the 15 suspects charged in connection with the World Trade Centre hombing and a plot against other New York targets are on hunger strike to protest prison conditions, their lawyers

Among those on hunger strike was Mohammad Salameh, the first person to be arrested in connection with the Feh. 26 bombing that left six people dead and 1.000 injured. Mr. Salameh's lawyer, Robert

Precht, said his client had not eaten or drunk anything since last Mr. Precht said his client and

the other hunger-strikers were protesting being kept in solitary confinement for 23 hours each

day since March. The trial of the 15 suspects. including cleric Omar Abdul Rahman who was charged on

months, according to U.S. judicial officials. The sheikh pleaded innocent Thursday to charges that he led a

conspiracy to bomh targets induding the World Trade Centre and planned assassinations and

His 14 co-defendants pleaded innocent 10 the same charges. An indictment on Wednesday charged the group with conspiring 10 wage a war of urban terrorism on the United States.

Lawyer also said Mr. Salameh was being denied Arabic religious material hecause the jail doesn't have a translator to verify whether the hooks are a security

Mr. Prechi said Mr. Salameh's 'physical and emotional health has been undermined" because of conditions at the jail.

Mr. Precht put the number on strike at four but an attorney for defendant Bilal Alkaisi said a total of nine men charged in either the trade centre bombing or the plot to blow up the United Nations and other New York landmarks had joined in the pro-

Sudan will

KHARTOUM (Agencies) -

Sudan has said that it would not

reduce the size of its embassy

staff in Washington despite the

U.S. decision 10 send away all

dependents from Khartoum and

scale down its diplomatic contin-

Sudanese took 10 the capital's

streets Tuesday to denounce

Washington for accusing Sudan

of sponsoring "international ter-

rorism." Demonstrators deman-

ded that U.S. diplomats be kick-

ed out. The United States

announced its personnel cutbacks

secretary at the Foreign Ministry,

announced Sudan's decision not

to reciprocate to the government

newspaper Al Engaz Al Watani.

But the ministry clearly was displeased with the U.S. move.

The director of technical and

economic cooperation, Yusef

Mukhtar, described it as a "poli-

tical escalation" further souring

Mr. Mukhtar told an interview-

er on Sudan's official television

channel that neither U.S. di-

plomatic staff nor other Amer-

The U.S. State Department

has warned Americans for years

of the danger of travelling in

icans face danger in Sudan.

U.S.-Sudanese relations.

Omar Baridou, first under-

the next day.

Hundreds of thousands of

Prison spokesmen were not immediately available for comment. Muslim spokesmen say the

conspiracy indictment against sheikh Abdul Rahman and 14 associates is fuelling religious bigotry, but the cleric's lawyers said Friday he is confident his client can get a fair trial.

"It's going to be a nice legal

war. Our time will come." Harry Barcheldere, retained by Sheikh Abdul Rahman just this week. told Reuters in an interview. He said that while he was not going to "minimise the problem"

of government leaks, he added that he was confident that Federa! Judge Michael Mukasey would handle the matter properly.
"He's terrifically fair. He's concerned, and he won't take any

government or the defence," he As for Sheikh Abdul Rahman's ing plot conspiracy. Mr. Batch-elder said: "Take a look at his

physical appearance? Does he look he's a hands-on guy?"
But defence lawyer Ron Kuhy.

representing one of the other defendants in the case, says the government created a "mythical

Islamic conspiracy" to help them win a conviction in the case. He has argued that leaks of damaging evidence by the prosecution have made it nearly im-

possible for the defendants to get fair trial. He and others involved in the case say the government has

whipped up anti-Islamic furore. "There is a good deal of hostility against the Arahs and the Muslims because the media uses guilt hy association against Islam." said Mohmmad Mehdi, a close friend of Sheikh Abdul

"The Muslims in the 1990s in America represent what the communists were in the 1950s someone to hate," he said.

Dr. Mehdi said he has received a sharp increase in the number of harassing phone calls and says other Islamic figures have re-

The United States evacuated

staff and dependents from Khar-

toum in April 1986. That with-

drawal followed an attack by

still-unidentified gunmen on a

U.S communications technician,

who was seriously wounded. The

attack near the Lihyan emhassy

occurred within hours of punitive

U.S. bomhing raids on Tripoli

and Benghazi.

ported similar increases.

Militants issue warning

A Muslim militant group in Egypt warned Friday tt would take revenge on anybody who barmed Sheikh Ahudl Rahman.

A spokesman for Al Gamaa Al Islamiya (Islamic Group), which has been waging a campaign of violence to overthrow the Egyptian government, told a reporter that Sheikb Abdul Rahman was the "spiritual guide" of the movemenı.

"We will take revenge violently, maybe more violently than they can bear. They will regret what they are doing if there is any harm to doctor Omar Abdul Rahman," the official said. Both he nonsense from anybody - the and the reporter asked not to be

named in the Cairo report. The spokesman declined to name any particular targets for revenge and made it clear that merely indicting Sheikh Abdul Rahman did not constitute harm-

The U.S. emhassy in Cairo has warned the 20,000 Americans living in Egypt to review security following the charging of Sheikh Abdul Rahman.

A security notice distributed to U.S. businesses and citizens on Thursday quoted the State Department as saying the indictment of Sheikh Abdul Rahman "will be met with outrage hy his followers in Egypt and with varying degrees of disapproval in other

parts of the Islamic World." "His followers in Egypt have the capacity to conduct bombings and small arms attacks and could expand their range of targets from Egyptians and foreign tourists to include U.S. government

and other U.S. targets.
"His followers in Pakistan and Sudan could attack U.S. government targets. Scattered demonstrations or sporadic acts of violence in support of the sheikh cannot be ruled out," the State Department statement said.

cause of the fighting. Mr. Romanes, whose agency bas conducted relief operations in Sudan since 1984, visited the country last month. He said reports reaching the agency's offices in Sudan warned of a

On the Thursday night television programme discussing the ble to get relief into the area. latest removal of Americans, legislator Kabashour Kuku said he sees the partial evacuation as ger than Ethiopia was in 1984 and 1985." "an invitation for other U.S. allies to take a similar move."

'Relief blocked'

The Sudanese government,

fighting Christian rebels in the south, is blocking aid to non-Muslim people in the region and up to 600,000 could starve to death, an Australian aid agency official said Saturday.

Graham Romanes, African programme manager for Community Aid Abroad, said Sudanese officials had halted relief to 500,000 people in the Nuba mountains for the past year and repots from those leaving the region spoke of a famine.

southwestern region of Darfur

were also facing starvation he-

major famine in progress. The government bas effec-

tains," Romanes told Reuters from Melbourne." It is impossi-"This (famine) is becoming larger than Somalia and much big-

tively blockaded the Nuba moun-

Community aid ahroad said in a statement that its office in Nyaia, capital of the Darfur, region, was ordered closed on Monday by the government which considered it a security risk.

The operations of the agency's project partner, the Sudanese Popular Committee for Relief and Rehabilitation (SPCR), had also been shut down, with staff locked out of their buildings and their vebicles taken, the statement said.

"SPCR is a progressive Islamic organisation that works with both Christians and Muslims," Mr. Romanes said. "It's a sign of the government's-paranoia that they He said 100,000 people in the are now acting against their own



ders put forth by the U.N. peace proposal, just

before the beginning of the session taking place on Jahorina Mount (AFP photo)

Aspin sets conditions for U.S. pullout from Somalia

U.S. combat troops in Somalia will withdraw once security is established in the capital, heavy weapons are out of the bands of warlords and national police force is set up. Defence Secretary Les Aspin said Friday,

In a speech intended to justify deepened U.S. involvement in Somalia, Mr. Aspin gave no spe-cific timetable for bringing home U.S. forces, which include about 1,200 combat and 2,800 support

The danger now is that unless we return security to south Mogadishu, political chaos will follow any U.N. withdrawal," Mr. Aspin told an audience at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

"The danger we're dealing with here is that the situation will return to what exist before the United States sent in its troops'

last December, Mr. Aspin said. President Bill Clinton's decision last weekend to send 400 army Rangers to Somalia to sup-plement the approximately 1,200 combat troops already there (See page 2) prompted new questions from members of Congress and others about the U.S. goals for

Seeking to address those questions, Mr. Aspin said Mr. Clinton there.

was determined to "stay the course" in Somalia until U.S. and United Nations forces can not only provide adequate security in Mogadishu but also help the Somalis begin to rebuild their country.

President Clinton has directed that U.S. forces remain long enough to complete their mission and no longer," Mr. Aspin said.
"The completinn of the mission chiefly concerns security in Soma-lia." He said that includes three main goals.

"First, the security issue in south Mogadishu must be settled," he said without elaborat-

Second, "we must make real progress towards" taking heavy weapons out of the bands of the Somali warlords, and third, there must be credible police forces in at least the major population

"When these three conditions are mei... then I helieve that the U.S. Quick Reaction Forces can come back, he said, adding that the approximately 2,800 U.S. support force could be reduced when security is good enough to enable the large-scale hiring of civilians to perform the support functions for the Untied Nations

oew arrivals in Somalia included members of an elite counterterrorist unit known as Delta Force, trained in daring hehindlines operations and prepared to search out and capture fugitive Somali warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed.

NBC news reported on Friday that should the troops capture Gen. Aideed, the United Nations was considering options including holding him on islands off the Somali coast or aboard a ship until a court system can be re-established io Somalia to put the waslord on trial.

U.N. commanders blame Gen. Aideed for a violence that has disrupted food distribution and nation-huilding in Somalia, and Mr. Aspin said that violence must

"In south Mogadishu, the Aideed stronghold, we have a major challenge to the whole U.N. enterprise," Mr. Aspin

But he did not comment on reports that a special unit had been sent in to pursue and capture Gen. Aideed, who has been on the U.N. command's wanted list since an ambush that killed 24 Pakistani peacekcepers earlier

Iraq burning Shiite villages — U.S.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Baghdad is torching Shiite villages in an attempt to wipe out the villagers' culture in the marshlands of southern Iraq, the United States said Friday.

The State Department, which has also accused Iraq of draining and burning the marshes and shelling civilians, called on the international community to demand Iraq comply at once with the U.N. Security Council resolution designed to protect the

Iraq is trying to deprive the Shiites of food and water, and to destroy the marsb dwellers' ancient culture, the State Depart-

"The government of Iraq's campaign of destruction and repression in the marsbes of southern Iraq continues. Despite repeated calls by the international community for Iraq to respect the requirements of U.N. Security 20, the U.N. Sub-Commission on

WASHINGTON (USIA) -

Conneil Resolution 688, which calls oo Iraq to cease its repres-sion of the Iraqi people, the government of Iraq is intensifying its repressive tactics." said the State Department.

"We have verified extensive draining and burning of the marshes, the hurning of villages, and ongoing artillery attacks on civi-lian centres. By destroying the fragile marsh environment, the government of Iraq is seeking to deprive innocent civilians of their principal source of food and shelter. The Iraqi government's tactics are designed to eradicate a culture which has been present in the marshes of thousands of years, and eliminate a fragile

eco-system unique in the region. "The United States is apprising the United Nations Human Rights Center of the Iraqi government's repressive campaign in

Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities passed a resolution condemning the human rights violations of the Iraqi regime, and urging the application of Resolution 688. We applaud the sub-commission's call for a vist by U.N. special rapporteur on buman rights in Iraq, Max van der Stoel, to visit the region and interview refugees fleeing the persecution of the Iraqi regime.

"The United States strongly denounces the government of Iraq's gross abuses of human rights and urges the international community to join it in demanding that Iraq immediately comply with the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 688. The United States and its coalition partners will continue to enforce the "no-fly zone" established a year ago in southern Iraq to monitor Iraq's compliance with Resolution 688."

Arafat awaits U.S., Russian reaction to his plan

PARIS (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has called on Russia and the United States 10 react to his proposal to put the Gaza Strip and Jericho under Palestinian control.

Speaking on Radio-France In-ternationale, Mr. Arafat said he was waiting for "the reaction of the two Russian and American co-sponsors of the peace process' to his proposal.

The two countries are cosponsors of the Middle East peace talks, which are due to reconvene in Washington on

"Any agreement needs their

acceptance," he said.
Mr. Arafat also indicated he was not the sole source of the proposal, saying "when the Israelis mentioned a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, I answered "Why just Gaza?"... there should be another withdrawal ..." and I

proposed the Jericho area." He stressed there should be "a complete agreemeot" for a statement in principle concerning "the interim period in our occupied territories," hut there must be an Israeli "withdrawal as a form of disengagement" from Gaza and

"Jerusalem would be a part of the occupied territories under the transitional Palestinian selfgovernment which would be elected during legislative elec-tions." Mr. Arafat said.

Mr. Arafat said he had also proposed that Arah East Jerusalem should be placed under the authority of an interim Palestinian self-government.

"As to Jerusalem, it will be part of occupied territories placed under the Palestinian authority of interim self-government that will be elected in parliamentary elections," Mr. Arafat told Radio France Internationale.

According to RFI's French translation of the interview, Mr.

Arafat did not specify he was speaking about Arab East Jerusalem which Israel occupied in the 1967 war. But the peace talks only cover the territories occupied in 1967. A member of a team supervis-

ing Palestiniao negotiators at Middle East peace talks said on Friday a deal with Israel on parterritories was close.

Azmi Shuaibi said Palestinians bad proposed Israel withdraw first from the Gaza Strip and Jericho, and he believed Israel bad accepted the idea.

A spokesman for Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin stopped short of denying the report and advised watching developments at the 11th round of peace talks. Mr. Arafat said the Washington talks would produce an agreement on interim self-government, and an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho would establish a link between provisional selfgovernment and the final status

of the Israeli-occupied territories. Several PLO leaders have voiced reservations about Mr. Arafat's approval for an early Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho, fearing Israel may refuse further concessions and it might become the final settlement.

Clinton, driving a golf cart with friend Vernon Jordan at his side, had pulled up briefly in front of a golf course clubhouse. When he got hack in, he threw the cart into reverse and backed up, striking a cart carrying Secret Service agents. It was a light bump, sort of like those in electric bumper cars at fairs and amusement parks. Hillary Rodham Clinton is left her bushand on the 18th joined her husband on the 18th hole and took a few shots, drawing cheers from the crowd. "What do I bit it with?" she asked golf pro Tim Spring. A proud husband beamed later ab-He (Spring) did a pretty good job for her. he said. Martha's Vioeyard, the Atlantic offshore

Clinton bumps bodyguards

EDGARTOWN, Mass (AP) President Bill Clinton turned of

his protectors Friday. Actually,

he backed straight into them. Mr.

out his wife's performance. "She hadn't hit a ball in 13 or 14 years. island where the Clintons are vacationing, is not exactly a hotbed of Republicanism, but opposition party residents seemed as pleased as Democrats. to have the president visit this resort island. Asked after his golf game Friday wbether he was looking at real estate on the island, Mr. Clinton replied, "No, but I would like to do it. I don't know if I can afford to do it." Mr. Clinton, a president of relatively modest means, was asked whether he thought the property on Martha's Vineyard was togpricey. "I don't even know what they cost," he said. "I just think it's a beautiful place. It's a really wonderful place. ... I wish I had about another week to stay. I'm a

King's wedding anniversary could spark regal romances

OSLO (AP) - Paparazzi, take

little spoiled now."

note. Newspapers, save those pages. Cupid, get to work. The reason? Most of Europe's unmarried princes and princesses will meet up next week for a royal cruise on Norway's fjords. A Dutch newspaper has dubbed the excursion a Royal "love boat." The unwed bluebloods are attending 25th wedding elebrations for King Harald V and Queen Sonja Sunday. Most will accompany their parents, the kings and queens of six monarchies. But Norwegians, Britons. Dutch. Swedes and Danes will be keeping their eye on two related events: Royal parties in Oslo this weekend and a three-day shiphoard tour of the western fjords that starts Monday. The tour will take place in two boats, the Norwegian King's yacht, Norge, and Denmark's Royal Dannebrog. "It's like it was made for royal romances," gushed the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet. "Ready for romance," cheered the Oslo newspaper Verdens Gang. "Seldom have so many young people from Europe's nobel houses been gathered." Among the I4 young and single royals expected to join. the celebrations are: Great Bratain's 29-year-old Prince Edward; Crown Prince Haakon, 20, as bis sister Princess Martha Louise of Norway. Also on the list: Denmark's 25-year-old Crown Prince Fredrik and his brother Prince Joachim. 24; Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria, 16: Spain's Princesses Elena, 29, and Princess Cristina. 28; 23-year-old Prince Nicholas of Greece and bis sister Princess Alexia, 28; and Crown Prince Willem-Alexander. 26, of the Netherlands, with his

sons head to Bahamas LAKE BUENA VISTA, Flag (AP) — After three days of visit-

Princess Diana,

brothers. Prince Johan Friso, 24.

ing central Florida's tourist"

attractions, the Princess of Wales

and Prince Constantijn, 23.

and her sons began the second leg of their holiday Friday at a secluded resort in the Bahamas. The home of the Menzies Family at Lyford Cay on New Providence family is staying at the holiday Island, some 10 miles (16 kilometres) from Nassau, the capital, according to the Press Association, the British national news agency. The royals arrived Thursday night, said Cordell Thompson of the Ministry of Tourism. He offered no further details of their stay in the former British colony. The princess's close friend Kale Menzies is one of those accompanying the royals on their holiday. "Everything about Lyford Cay is totally private. Even if you are a millionaire, you can't get in unless you know someone, a spokesman at the Bahamas Tourist Office in London told the news agency.

Peace talks may require new venue - Maksoud

While all parties to the 11th round of Middle East peace talks resuming here Aug. 31 "are inevitably going to participate, following Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit to the region," indications are that the talks are nearing a major turning point. Dr. Clovis Maksoud, former Arah League amhassador to the United States, said Friday. Appearing on his return

from Lehanon at a press conference sponsored by the American-Arah Anti-Discrimination Committee, Dr. Maksond said that while Arah delegations will participate, they will attend "out of tecognition of the U.S. commitment to the process, rather than out of conviction that progress will be made. "There is a widespread im-

pression throughout the Arab World — which I share — that the United States is addicted to the process, but it is not necessarily - at this moment at least committed to results." Dr. Maksoud said. Prospects for progress remain in question, he added, "because of certain imbalances" between Arah and Işraeli delegations.

the region," he said. These

imbalances exist not only be-

tween Israel and Arah coun-

tries, but even among Arah

responsive chord," he said. "The peace process is being resumed amidsi multiple imbalances of power strategically in

states, he said, and they "diminish expectations for cur-

rent rounds of the process." Citing examples of the imhalances perceived by the Arah World, Dr. Maksoud said that in the 10th round of talks, the United States "removed the term 'occupied territories' in its working papers."

And in the recent conflict in southern Lebanon, he said, the U.S. is perceived to have empathised with Israel, "although they tried to hroker a ceasefire." Nevertheless, that perception "mitigates against the objectivity expected of a sponsor of the

peace process," he said. Dr. Maksoud said that another development among the participants has been the current turmoil among Palestinians who come to the talks "without a government or a clear-cut authority." and the Palestine Liberation Organisaoon (PLO).

"If the peace option to which the Palestinian mainstream is committed does not deliver, then naturally, the radical elements in the Palestinian constituency (will) hit a

He said the ongoing dehate "means that the Palestinian patience with the process is reaching a breaking point, and before it breaks it is important that the United States weighs in on Israel to be more forthcoming in its commitment to



Palestinian rights."

Dr. Maksoud also acknow-ledged that he is haffled that the Palestinian delegation did not ask for a two-week delay in the talks "in order to get their bouse in order and to develop a unified approach" to the talks. "It is going to mean that the 11th round is a listening process rather than one in which they will participate," he

On a more positive note, Dr. Maksoud said these developments also hold the potential_ to revitalise the peace process in another framework.

*The pivotal role of the United States in the process provides the United States with an historic opportunity to allow its Middle East policy to be open to input from the international community," he said. If the 11th round does not

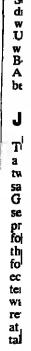
produce a hreakthrough in terms of soliciting from Israel the acknowledgement that it is an occupying power in the occupied territories, Dr. Maksoud suggested that "the Arah parties and the United States sbould begin to entertain the view of moving the entire pro-cess to the United Nations Security Council."

Such a decision might be rebutted in the immediate future, hut in the long range would service America's commitment to a just peace in the region," he said.

Moreover, the U.N. Security Council "is a legitimate framework," and the move "enables all parties to buy time to put their political orienta-

tion in order," be argued. Asked if Israel cannot be expected to reject referral of the process to the United Nations, Dr. Maksoud said, "try it and see."

"The Clinton administration has indicated that it wants to enhance the role of the United Nations," Dr. Maksoud pointed out, adding that the United Nations is already engaged in the region and "has become the international instrument of peace-keeping and peace making."



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